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Furore over outburst by right-winger

By JAMES LANDALE, ANDREW PIERCE, ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Conservative Party was embarrassed last night when one of its MPs was heard heaping personal abuse on Virginia Bottomley and his Labour opponent as part of an attack on the "dreadful" women in politics.

David Evans, the colourful rightwing MP for Welwyn Hatfield, described the Heritage Secretary as "dead from the neck upwards" and said that she was in the Cabinet purely because she was a woman. He went on to deride Melanie Johnson, the Labour candidate in his constituency, saying that she lived with her boyfriend and "three bastard children" and had never done a proper job.

Then for good measure, he said that he did not like John Major, who was "vindictive

and not forgiving".

Most of the women at
Westminster were "ordinary" and were promoted simply because it looked politically good". Mr Evans said. That meant some "dreadful" women were in positions of

Mr Evans, who is a member of the Conservative 1922 Committee executive, made the remarks to sixth-formers during a current affairs lesson at Stanborough College, Welwyn Garden City, last Thursday. He gave permission for his answers to be tape-recorded. and a cassette found its way to Anglia Television, who broadcast it last night.

Mr Evans complained later that he had been betrayed over what had been a "light-heart-ed interview", but he was



Evans: "betrayed over light-hearted interview"

nevertheless unrepentant when challenged by reporters. He said: "I don't care what people make of it. I often speak to school children and their teacher, but I see the comments as private. I don't expect them to go blurting everything out to you lot. -

"I make no apologies because I have nothing to apologise for. The point is that if you have children out of wedlock, they are bastards and there's no getting away from that." He said later, however, that he had made an apology to Mrs Bottomley and claimed she had accepted it.

But Tory strategists voiced dismay, saying that such a controversy was the last thing they needed. "Nothing David Evans has ever said has merited front-page news until now. It could not be worse," one campaigner said.

Central Office held urgent talks with Downing Street and they agreed to create an official wall of silence in the

hope that the story would run out of steam. Both issued a curt "no comment"

Mr Evans said in his interview: "So then women get promoted, like Virginia Bot-tornley, who's dead from the neck upwards, right? I mean, she has been in the Cabinet simply because she is a woman." But he praised Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secre-tary, as a "different kettle of fish who would have "made it in any forum".

He also called for the return of capital punishment, suggested that rapists should be castrated, questioned the innocence of the Bridgewater Three and the Birmingham Six, and referred to "some black bastard" raping a girl outside her school.

Of Ms Johnson he said: "She is single, lives with her boyfriend, three bastard children, lives in Cambridge, never done a proper job."

Miss Johnson, 42, was selected from a women-only shortlist before the practice was banned, but she has been an Ofsted inspector for four years after being an NHS manager and is also a magistrate. She and her partner of 18 years have three children, twin daughters aged 12 and a

Ms Johnson, who has a good chance of wiping out Mr Evans's 8,000 majority in May, said said last night: "I am used to the hurly burly of politics but David Evans has descended to the gutter. I am standing for election not my Continued on page 2, col 4



Melanie Johnson: "I am horrified that David Evans could stoop so low"

It's May Day: Major all but confirms election date

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Prime Minister paved the way for a six-week general election campaign yesterday when he all but confirmed that it would take place on May I. John Major told a BBC phone in programme that it

was a "fair expectation" that the election would be that day, and senior Conservative sources later said that there was no longer any doubt about the timing. By the time Mr Major addresses the Conservative

Central Council in Bath on Saturday week, it will be too late to announce the only other realistic option for polling day – April 10. But Mr Major still intends to keep the political world guessing over when he will formally announce the dissolution of Parliament.

Yesterday, as the arrival in Westminster of the Wirral byelection victor Ben Chapman pushed the Government into a minority. Tony Blair urged Mr Major to call the election

Tory chiefs debating the timing have earmarked five possible dates for the announcement. Some close colleagues want Mr Major to avoid naming the day until after the central council weekend — and even to wait until Easter. They argue that if Mr Major's central council speech were treated as part of the formal campaign, Mr Blair and Paddy Ashdown would also receive lengthy coverage in the day's news bulletins. As soon as an election is announced, broadcasters have a duty to give the parties equal

Other ministers are arguing that because the election date will be known by the end of next week, Mr Major might as well get the announcement out of the way and use the Bath

speech to set the ball rolling. But a senior Tory strategist said: "The Prime Minister believes that the longer he has to get at Labour the better. This is the way he will do it." Whatever happens, it is

accepted that the Bath gathering will mark the launching of the campaign. The party lead-ers would not start their travelling roadshows until the dissolution, but all the other electioneering activities would be under way.

During his appearance on a Radio 5 Live phone-in, Mr Major attributed Labour's

Labour ditches free eye test plan

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strong lead in the polls to the Tories long period in power. He said: "The greatest difficulty we have at the moment is not with the state of the country, which is patently growing - you can see that with the growth figures in the economy and with the dramatic fall in unemployment. "All of that is very welcome.

But when you have been in government for 18 years you are fighting in a sense a phantom enemy, and I think that is a bigger problem for us than any other."

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Lego galore in West Country

Youngsters were flocking to beaches in south Devon and Cornwall yesterday as thousands of Lego bricks were

washed up.
The bricks had been part of a consignment on its way from Lego headquarters in Denmark to America. The ship carrying them was dam-aged in storms last month.

Dunblane parents find self-support

As the first anniversary of the Dunblane shootings ap-proaches, the parents of the 16 children who died say they have learnt to cope with their grief through meeting every week to laugh and cry togeth-er. One said: "A lot of people say that the Thursday meetings are the highlight of their

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Troops and police gain upper hand in Albania

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TROOPS and police appeared to be winning the battle to impose order in much of Albania yesterday, though armed gangs were still roam-ing the south. Tritan Shehu, the Foreign Minister, said the risk of civil war had hugely diminished. Army bases in Vlore and

Himara were looted, however, as rebels continued to rampage through the main towns. A four-year-old was killed by a stray bullet. President Berisha yesterday

sacked General Sheme Kosava, his chief of staff, accusing him of failing to defend the army baracks. He was replaced him with General Adem Copani, a presidential military adviser. The authorities said more than 1,500 weapons had been looted by rioters over the weekend.

The Foreign Ministry yesterday lifted the blanket ban on reporting from Albania. telling the European Broadcasting Union that it could resume satellite transmission of foreign television reports. The restrictions on the domestic press remained in force.

Javier Solana, Nato's Secretary-General, yesterday ruled out military intervention in

New army chief, page 14

Football stars sentenced to await retrial decision By LIN JENKINS AND ADRIAN LEE

THREE footballers accused of match fixing were facing an agonising wait last night to see whether they must face a fresh trial after a jury failed to reach

Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers were said by their lawyers to be extremely disappointed after the jury remained deadlocked despite almost 11 hours of deliberation. With John Fashanu they walked from Winchester Crown Court, dazed after hours of waiting. The jury of eight men and

three women said at the end of the seven-week trial that they could not reach majority decisions on any of the charges against any defendant. Amid uproar in the court.

the judge, Mr Justice Tuckey. was told that the case which. with its surrounding investigations, is estimated to have cost £10 million so far, was likely to be retried as soon as possible. In the dock the former

Liverpool and Southampton goalkeeper Mr Grobbelaar, the Dutch-born former Wimbledon player Mr Seger, Mr Fashanu, who is better known as a television presenter nowadays, and their alleged gobetween, Heng Suan Lim, glanced at each other with obvious despondency.

The four men looked up to the public gallery where their families were sitting as David Calvert Smith for the prosecution immediately announced: manage a joke. He turned to a policeman: "Perhaps we "It is the Crown's current should have decided this on intention to seek a retrial." He will now discuss with penalties, but the trouble is we the Attorney-General a new would have two goalkeepers." His mother Beryl was less date and possibly a new venue jovial. "I am devastated, natuwhich the Crown Prosecution Service said last night should rally. It is disgraceful that they

could not reach a verdict." he announced within a week. The end came after the jury if there is to be a new trial. sent a note to the judge at 3.43pm saying they could not agree. They filed back into The judge brought a smile from the defendants as he conceded that normal procecourt after ten hours and 59 dure dictates that he might have to "substitute" himself minutes of deliberation and were asked by the judge from any new hearing. He asked that things should start whether, if they were given moving as soon as possible because the events behind the more time, there was any reasonable chance of their case had happened in Novemreaching majority verdicts on ber 1994. any of the defendants.

As the four accused walked The foreman replied: "We don't believe so, my Lord". Asked if they had had enough from the dock facing what their families and solicitors said was "months more wortime, the foreman replied: ry". Mr Grobbelaar did "Yes, my Lord". The judge said: "I think that's it" and discharged them with his

Legal sources said last night that the trial had cost El.5 million, but that the investigation had cost nearer £10 million. A separate inquiry by the Foothall Association into the players' behaviour will have to wait until the outcome of any future trial. In the meantime, Mr Segers

and Mr Grobbelaar will continue to play for their clubs. Woking and Plymouth Argyle. Continued on page 2, col 6 Rob Hughes, page 48

Woman stabbed in head on train

By JOANNA BALE AND RICHARD DUCE

A WOMAN was in a critical condition in hospital last night after being stabbed in the head on a train in an apparently motiveless attack.

stabbed with a commando knife as she sat alone in a carriage on the 8.46 pm Waterloo to Guildford service as it approached Clandon in Surrey on Monday night. The six-inch blade penetrated her skull behind an eye, piercing

After hearing her screams, a passenger in another carriage found Ms Kennedy still conscious with the knife embedded in her head.

Ms Kennedy, who had been travelling from her home in Belfast to visit her sister in Guildford, remained conscious as she was taken to the Royal Surrey Hospital at Guildford. She was later transferred to the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London where she underwent emergency brain surgery.

Members of her family were at her bedside yesterday. Her condition was said to be "critical but stable".

A youth aged 17, of no fixed address, was last night with attempted charged

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Alison Kennedy, 27, was £51

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Relaxed leading man awaits final curtain

in John Major's manner at Prime Minister's Questions vesterday. He was not dejected, as he had seemed last Thursday before the votes at Wirral South were counted. But neither was he geed up and punching his way out of a corner, as he can surprise us

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He was simply relaxed. Almost aimless, at times. The Prime Minister rambled his way through a series of unenlightening answers to lowgrade questions, more than once losing his grammatical thread. He was going through

Though it must have been one of the last Question Times for this Parliament and

curiously lacking in tension. Only on the first question did hackles rise. It came from Nicholas Budgen (C), the man who succeeded Enoch Powell as MP for Wolverhampton SW. Mr Budgen declared that "strict control of immigration" was the key to good race relations and that Labour planned to relax this control. He invited Mr Major to

Briefly, the mood turned ugly. A group of Labour backbenchers shouted with real fury at Budgen: "Desper-ate! Disgraceful!" When the Prime Minister rose there was a sudden and total hush. What would he say?

Major, speaking steadily and calmly, said he was not going to lend his voice to



MATTHEW PARRIS **POLITICAL SKETCH**

lude. The Labour leader re-

peated his litany about "20,000 fewer nurses, 50,000

more managers" in the NHS.

In a faintly weary riposte, the

PM complained that "for the

last five years we have had

nothing but opposition from

haps) that " ... nothing but

opposition from the Opposi-

tion" would invite the re-sponse "Well they would,

Blair tried to goad Major

then reflected (per-

anything that imperilled improving race relations. There was a moment of silence as he

The tone was fastidious, decent and proper, though it was not immediately clear to me that Mr Major's answer was intended to slap Nicholas Budgen down. But it may well have been and that is how MPs took it. Rising next, Tony Blair remarked, generously: "I think the Prime Minister de-

wouldn't they?" "Nothing but opposition from the . . . Labour Party," he serves credit for that answer." The remaining questions and answers failed to match the stature of this short inter-

into commenting on his Health Secretary's recent excursion into the single currency debate, but Major was not Stephen Dorrell had been

"an outstanding Health Secretary", he said limply, failing to summon enough enthusiasm for Dorrell seriously to dent the latter's hopes of becoming party leader.

Labour's David Winnick (Walsall N) — one of those gnat-like political irritants who frontbenchers keep swatting but never quite squash bit Mr Major on the ear with a question about the funding of the Tory party. Major, looking bored, directed his answer to the funding of Mr Blair's

Eric Ilisley (Barnsley Cen-

tral) quoted to the Prime Minister the opinion of Lord Tebbit on the Deputy Prime Minister, sitting beside him. Michael Heseltine was "tasteless, tacky ... and self-centred". Mr Heseltine lounged back on his bench looking rather flattered.

Earlier, I had watched the Environment Secretary, the civilised John Gummer, answering what was almost certainly the final session of Environment Questions before the election. For you and me, it was simply another Tuesday, another Environment Ouestions.

For Mr Gummer, 57, the bitter-sweet sensation of standing, perhaps for the last time in his career, at a government dispatch box.

Lim: "I am innocent"

Retrial

Mel Goldberg, Mr Segers' solicitor, said: "We are very

upset that we could not bash

their heads (the jury's) togeth-

er. It is very unsatisfactory for

the defendants, the Crown and

the lawyers. I am still con-

vinced he will be cleared and

Mr Grobbelaar held his

wife Debbie by the hand and

donned his trademark hat as

he left court to "recover from

the trauma of the trial". David

Hewitt, his solicitor, said that

Mr Grobbelaar was disappointed at the outcome. "Bruce

maintains his innocence ...

one thing that has emerged

during this trial was that

Bruce has never thrown or

attempted to throw a football

He added that the couple

and their two children. Olivia.

nine, and Tahli, 12, had been

under enormous pressure and

asked that their privacy be

Mr Fashanu, now a million-

wife, Melissa Kassa-Mapsi,

mother of his 15-month-old

son Amir. refusing to com-

ment. The former Aston Villa

and Wimbledon striker had

become a favourite among

court staff. During lunch

breaks he caused traffic jams

as he handed out signed

Leaving court with his Irish

wife, Cora, Mr Lim said: "I

have always maintained my

innocence and I will continue The four men were accused

of conspiring to give or accept

money for rigging games for a

Far Eastern gambling syndicate. The Crown said the plot

was uncovered by a "sting"

operation by The Sun which

filmed Mr Grobbelaar allegedly accepting £2,000 from Christopher Vincent, a former

business associate.

photographs to admirers.

match in his life."

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Woman shot in the head on golf course

head and body while teeing off on the seventeenth hole of a golf course yesterday. Her husband was arrested is minutes later and six miles away after crashing his car and is being treated in another hospital in Shropshire for the effects of drugs, police said. The 53-year-old woman was playing with friends at Market Drayton Golf Course.

Inspector Geoff Harding, of Shrewsbury police, said. "A man was hiding in undergrowth and fired several shots at her before leaving the club. The woman, whose name was not immediately released, was shot once in the head and twice in the right side of her body. She was taken to the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford. Police said her injuries were serious but not life-threatening.

Council wins £20m

A judge ruled in the Court of Appeal that the Environment Department must pay the north London borough of Camden an extra £20.9 million in housing subsidy. The Labour-controlled council had argued that there had been a shortfall in its subsidy because of a technical change in its accounting recommended by chartered accountants. The department is considering an appeal to the Lords.

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Mountain railway plan

Plans for Britain's first Alpine-style mountain railway are back on track after Scottish Natural Heritage lifted its objections to the £16.5 million development up the side of Cairn Gorm, near Aviemore, in the Highland region, despite opposition from environmentalists. The funicular railway is expected to be able to carry up to 1,200 passengers to near the summit of the 4,084ft high mountain.

UVF 'behind 25lb bomb'

A bomb found outside the offices of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, contained 25th of a commercial explosive - six times more than originally thought. The type of explosive is often used by the Ulster Volunteer Force, an outlawed loyalist terrorist group. The bomb, which was left at the back of the Sinn Fein offices in Monaghan in the Irish Republic on Monday, failed to explode.

Victory for gardeners

A group of organic gardeners has won a planning battle to remain on land owned by the Duchy of Cornwall in spite of the Duchy's support for a scheme to build houses for young unemployed people on the site. The Duchy had offered to pay for the gardeners to move from the Fairpark Allotments, St Columb Minor, near Newquay, to another site so that 19 homes could be built.

Award for Hurley

Elizabeth Hurley will receive her first serious acting award in the United States later this week. Hurley, 31, also noted as Hugh Grant's girlfriend, will be named Best Supporting Actress for her role in *Dangerous Ground*, yet to open in Britain. The ShoWest award, run by the Association of American Cinema Distributors, has been given for her portrayal of a crack-addicted stripper.

Pirate CDs seized

Britain's biggest haul of pirate compact discs has been recovered by trading standards officials. They found 135,000 CDs worth more than £1.75 million, bound for undisclosed location in Oxfordshire. Investigations are continuing and arrests may be made under the Trade Descriptions Act and the Trade Marks Act.

Hunt for 'dead' guitarist

Interpol is expected to investigate a claimed sighting in India of Richey Edwards, the guitarist with the Manic Street Preachers rock group who vanished two years ago. His car was found abandoned near the Severn Bridge: leading to speculation that he had killed himself. However police are taking seriously a British lecturer's claim that he saw Edwards on a bus in Goa last November.

Football song and dance

Football is being set to music in an initiative between professional composers, an orchestra, Premiership players and a dancing sheep. The Music and Football project, run by the East of England Orchestra and Derby County Football Club - nicknamed the Rams - will see local schoolchildren helping to compose a piece of musical theatre based on the tactics of a football match.

Labour abandons pledge to restore free eyesight tests

By JILL SHERMAN AND JEREMY LAURANCE

LABOUR has dropped its commitment to restore free eyesight tests and dental check-ups, it emerged last

Party aides said the charges would be reviewed after the general election but denied that Labour had any intention of abolishing them. "We have no plans whatsoever to restore free eyesight tests and dental checks," said a spokesman for Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary.

The party was forced into clarifying its position after Tory accusations that Labour was committed to restoring the free checks, which the Tories claimed would cost E216 million. Although Labour has been silent on the issue over the past few years, Tory researchers picked up a recent reply from John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, when asked if free tests should be given as a matter of routine.

Mr Prescott had said: "Yes, I think it should be a right. You've got to find the money to finance it I agree, and we have to deal with that particular argument." William Waldegrave, the Chief Treasury Secretary, yesterday challenged Labour to deny the

In the 1992 election, Labour said it would reinstate the free tests, which the Tories abolished in 1989 amid criticism from the opposition parties. Since then, successive shadow health secretaries have examined a variety of options. considering restoring free tests to some groups.

Last year Harriet Harman seriously considered introducing free eye tests for nine million pensioners. But yester-

Church of England bishops yesterday joined Labour and Liberal MPs in urging voters to challenge election candidates or what they will do to help Britain's poor. The Church's Forgotten 30 per cent Group", a group of senior Anglican clergy including four bishops and four archdeacons. said that without action, the conditions facing the poorest in society would deteriorate. The Right Rev Roger Sainsbury, the Bishop of Barking, said: This is a threat to the fabric of society. If we do not address the needs of this forgotten 30 per cent,

day Labour made clear that there would be no such commitment at the general

crime and violence will in-

election. Tony Blair did reaffirm one of the party's spending commitments yesterday, promising that women diagnosed as having breast cancer and needing surgery would have to wait no more than two ks for an oneration. Labour leader promised to end delays and inefficiency in treatment of the disease. which he said triggered a "private and lonely crisis" for

many women. Government figures show that 10,000 women with breast cancer waited more than two weeks for operations in 1994-95; of those, 2,000 waited more than a month. Labour estimates that ending waiting lists for cancer surgery would cost

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a third of the £100 million it plans to save in a first year of government by cutting NHS

Mr Blair's promise, made at the party's annual consultation meeting with women's organisations in London, was greeted with scepticism by a cancer specialist, who said it would be difficult to implement and unlikely to improve survival rates.

Richard Sainsbury, cancer surgeon at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and adviser to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, said the money would be better spent increasing the number of medical oncologists who specialised in drug treatment for cancer.

"If you come to hospital with a palpable cancer you will have had it for at least six months. Two weeks is a drop in the ocean. Most districts still have a single cancer surgeon who has to take sometimes. We holidays would far rather Labour said they would fund improvements to the cancer service recommended by the Chief Medical Officer, Sir Kenneth

Calman. Britain has one of the highest breast-cancer mortality rates in the world, with 13,000 deaths a year, although the incidence of the disease is in line with other countries.

thought more British women are diagnosed as having breast cancer, you would be wrong. It is just that more British women are dying from it and I simply do not accept that we can do nothing about it. There is clearly something wrong with the way the system is working."

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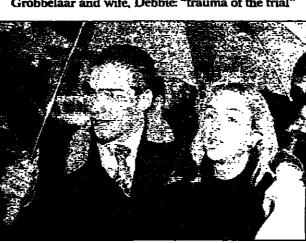
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Grobbelaar and wife, Debbie: "trauma of the trial"



Segers and his wife. Astrid: "He will be cleared"



Fashanu and wife, Melissa. He was a favourite in court

Evans outburst

Continued from page 1 children. I am horrified that David Evans could stoop so low as to ahuse my three children with this foul word. How many parents will agree with David Evans that inspecting schools and raising

standards is not a proper joh?" Janet Anderson, the shadow minister for women, called on Mr Major to dissociate himself from Mr Evans's remarks. And Elizabeth Peacock, the Tory MP for Batley and Spen. said: "It is an outrage. He is the last of the male chauvinist pigs. I thought they had died out with the dinosaurs. But Evans is still walking. He should be ashamed of himself.

I feel like kicking him." But Edwina Currie, the Tory MP for Derbyshire South, said: "I refuse to be offended by this because no They are extraordinary remarks. I suspect his wife may be waiting for him when he gets home armed with a rolling pin. John Mansfield, the Tory

group leader on Welwyn and Hatfield district council, was shocked by the comments. He said: "I cannot believe he would say such things. 1 would not dream of uttering such remarks in public even if I thought them. I have to dissociate myself from his remarks. They are an outrage,

Dodgshon, Johnson's agent, said: "I am appalled. I have known Melanie for four years. She is very proud of her family. But they are not fighting the election. She is, David Evans is despicable."



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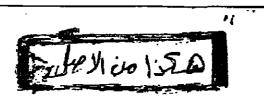
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Cabinet's last bachelor finds love in the office

By CAROL MIDGLEY

bachelor in the Cabinet, was celebrating his engagement yesterday to a Welsh civil servant he calls Jolly Jenkins. The couple said that they fell in love in a Welsh churchyard while she was teaching him the words to the Principality's

national anthem. The Welsh Secretary, who is strongly tipped as a future Tory leader, said that he would marry Filon Jenkins, 29, next year. His colleagues described their four-month courtship as the best-kept secret in Whitehall.

He is absolutely head over heels with this woman," said one MP. "It has been difficult

for him to keep it quiet."

Until recently, Miss Jenkins, an Oxford graduate and alto singer who plays the harp and clarinet, was the No 2 private secretary at the Welsh Office where she and Mr Hague, 35, worked closely

together.
Political friends said that Political triends said that marriage would greatly enhance Mr Hague's chance of leadership. "With an elegant wife and perhaps a couple of kids to follow, he will just about make up the perfect leadership CV. The profile is complete," said one. According to the bookmaker William ing to the bookmaker William



Kirkbride: a close friend,

WILLIAM HAGUE, the last Hill, Mr Hague's odds of becoming the next leader shortened from 6-1 to 5-1

> Yesterday the couple were contemplating more immediate matters. An engagement ring has not yet been chosen but rumour has it that they will buy from Clive Ranger's. a Cardiff jewellery shop that specialises in Welsh gold. "We have not been able to shop together without revealing the secret, so a little expedition will be taking place," said Mr

> Hague.
> The couple met in 1995, when Mr Hague replaced John Redwood as Welsh Secretary and Miss Jenkins was working in the Secretary of State's private office. They have become close only in the past few months. Miss Jen-kins began sabbatical leave last week and will return to a ed to be in the Welsh Office.

magistrate and her sister was to improve the Prince's standing in Wales.

leading light in the crachach, the Welsh Establishment. He worked his way up from being a BBC Wales announcer to become director of the Royal National Eisteddfod, but left in 1993 to take up his post on the arts council. Miss Jenkins was educated

ceremonial sword at a party. Many friends and col-

senior civil service post in June, although it is not expect-Her father is Emyr Jenkins chief executive of the Arts Council of Wales. Her mother Myra is a Welsh tutor and Manon works in the private office of the Prince of Wales at St James's Palace. Her brief

Mr Jenkins is considered a

in Cardiff and went on to read English at Jesus College, Oxford, followed by a degree in Welsh at the University of Wales. At Oxford she is remembered as one of the main organisers of the Welsh Society. On one occasion she was rushed to hospital after apparently being cut on the leg by a



Miss Jenkins and Mr Hague in London yesterday. Colleagues described their four-month courtship as the best-kept secret in Whitehall

news yesterday, although Welsh Office aides had suspected romance when, at a recent St David's Day party, Mr Hague had said that he was leaving early to have a meal with Jolly Jenkins.

Julie Kirkbride, the Tory candidate for Bromsgrove, and a close friend of Mr

leagues were surprised by the news yesterday, although Welsh Office aides had sus"I had absolutely no idea, but I am thrilled for them.

"Ffion told me the other day that she was on shopping leave for a bit. Now I know what she was shopping for. She is very bright and very sharp. It will be a real meeting

Richmond Conservative Association in Mr Hague's Yorkshire constituency, said: "This is marvellous news. We haven't met Ffion yet, but William is planning to bring her up to the constituency and we are all looking forward to

meeting her. Mr Horton revealed that the

Toby Horton, chairman of MP had taken him into his confidence before popping the question ten days ago. The relationship had been going on for a while: "William had to be very discreet but now Pfion has taken a sabbatical and the news can come out, I think that is the right way of doing

Asked whether a wife would

Boy hit as he plays chicken on motorway

A BOY aged 12 was last night critically ill in intensive care after he was hit by a car on the M53 near Ellesmere Port, in Cheshire, as he played "mo-torway chicken". Matthew Wellsbury was watched by a group of children, including his sister, as the car swerved but failed to avoid him as he ran from the central reservation across the northbound carriageway near junction

His mother, Julie Wells-bury, 39, said: "Matthew is being taken for a scan and we are keeping our fingers crossed that he will be all right." She was at her son's bedside at Walton Hospital, Liverpool, with her former

husband, Tommy. Wendy Bridge, 31, a friend of the family, said the boy and his brother Michael, 15, decided to climb the embankment to the motorway. Her son Tony, 13, tried to stop them but then heard the accident.

The RAC called for the security of the M53 near Eliesmere town centre to be reassessed. A girl was badly injured at the same place a

year ago. It said motorway chicken was especially popular where motorway networks were close to residential areas, as in Solihull and Birmingham. One of the worst blackspots has been on the M6 between unctions nine and ten, near Walsall. In London teenagers, sometimes intoxicated, taunt motorists on inner-city streets.

Last September an Il-year-old was killed when he played chicken with a police car on the M8, near Glasgow. An 11year-old girl lost a leg close to Hamilton, near Glasgow, also last year.

Hague's political profile, Mr

Horton said: "I am sure she

will be an asset whatever

From his office at the Arts

Council of Wales, in Cardiff,

Mr Jenkins said of his daugh-

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are delighted for her

William does in the future."

A Cheshire Police spokeswoman said road safety officers had been visiting schools warning children of the dan-gers. "We are saying we realise they have high spirits, ter: "This is her big day. We that they can be mischievous but this is not the way to vent a sense of adventure," she said.

Breeder who let horses starve is jailed for cruelty

By Dareh Gregorian

A LEADING horse breeder any kind of animal for the was jailed and banned from keeping animals for life yesterday after leaving her own

horses to starve in squalor. The horses of Leigh-Ann Jeffries, 39, fifteen-year-old Frisbee and four-year-old Heddle, had been weeks away from death when RSPCA inspectors found the emaciated mares in a dingy stable on a farm at Lansdown, near Bath. with no food and a bucket of black, swamp-like" water.

Frisbee's bones were "hideously prominent", Julie Glynn, prosecuting for the RSPCA, told Bath magistrates. One vet said it was the worst case of emaciation he

had seen in 34 years.
Sentencing Jeffries to three months's jail. Francis Hillier, chairman of the magistrates, told her: The only suitable sentence is to send you to prison because of the extreme suffering to these horses over a period of time. You will be disqualified from caring for

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period of your lifetime."

Miss Glynn had told the court that RSPCA officers were alerted after passers-by saw Heddle standing in a field in a very poor condition. "The water she had to drink was filthy. There was no evidence of food or hay nets." Jeffries, a student teacher

from Warmley, Bristol, had been riding since she was four. had kept horses for 30 years and wrote articles on them. She lectured owners on how to care for their animals. She admitted two charges of causing unnecessary suffering to horses in May last year.

John Sinnott, for the defence, said: "This is a tragic case of a woman who loves horses and who has always loved horses but has let them down. She was suffering from stress herseli."

The court was told that the two horses are back to peak fitness after being rehabilitated at a sanctuary.

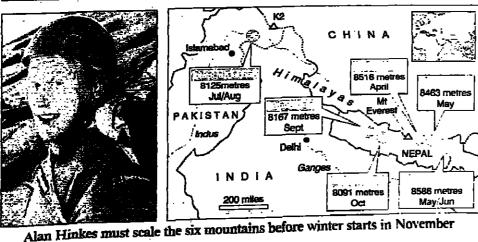
Detectives reopen file on death of star's son

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

POLICE in Minnesota are reopening inquiries into the death of the deformed infant son of the pop star Prince. The child died a week after his birth last October and the cause of death was given then as complications from "clover leaf syndrome", which deforms the skull.

The 38-year-old singer and his wife, Mayte, were said to be devastated by the loss of their first child Officials in Hennepin County, Minnesota, said yesterday that they were reopening the case after homicide detectives interviewed two women, twin sisters Erlene and Arlene Mojica, who used to work for Prince. They were fired by the singer on December 23. Larry Altman, a lawyer for the women, declined to say what they had told the police, but

be reconsidered.



'Mad mountaineer' sets sights on six-peak climb into record books

BY GLEN OWEN

A BRITISH climber dubbed the "mad mountaineer" plans to be the first man to scale six of the world's highest peaks in one year.

Alan Hinkes, 42, who will climb without oxygen, spe-cialises in tackling mountains that rise beyond 8,000 metres and take climbers into the "death zone" where oxygen is one-third of that at sea-level and humans can survive for only a few days.

There are 14 such peaks, all in the Himaleyas, and over junga. Nanga Parbat, Dhau-

the past ten years Mr Hinkes has climbed eight. His attempt to bag the remainder in a year would beat the previous record of four 8,000ers" and Mr Hinkes would be one of only five people to have climbed them all. He plans to spend his

birthday on top of Lhotse. Announcing his plans yes terday at the Alpine Club in London, he said the £70,000 expedition would begin in late April at the base camp for Lhotse. He will then tackle Makalu, Kangchenlagiri and Annapurna I. He has to finish before winter starts in November.

Mr Hinkes was born in Yorkshire. He has been dimbing since 1972. As a camerman he has worked on high-altitude documentaries. He said he had been preparing for ten years. "Some may see me as an eccentric madman but I just want to climb mountains," he said,

Mr Hinkes may fly back halfway through to spend a week with his 13-year-old daughter Fiona, who lives with a former girlfriend.



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'It is difficult to live a normal life. The only people I can be myself with are other bereaved parents'



Remembering their children who died almost a year ago: Duncan and Liz McLennan with Abigail: David and Karen Scott with Hannah; Barbara and Martyn Dunn with Charlotte; and Ellen and Sandy Petrie with John

Dunblane families face anniversary united in grief

By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ONE year after the Dunblane shootings, in which 16 primary school children and their teacher were killed, the victims' parents say they have learnt to cope with their grief through meeting every week to laugh and cry together.

The meetings, held every Thursday evening in the town's Ecumenical Hall, were suggested to the families by social workers, and have become an emotional anchor in their lives. Les Morton, who lost

on March 13, said: "A lot of people talk about Thursday evenings, that the meetings are the highlight of their week, and I can understand that because it is actually very difficult to live what people might think is a normal life. In a funny way, the only people that I can be myself with are the other bereaved parents, because they are the only people who really know how I feel and I know how they feel."

The parents were speaking exclusively on an ITV documentary.

9pm next Wednesday. The film includes home video clips and photographs of the dead children.

Ellen Petrie, who lost her son John, said: "I look forward to a Thursday night to go and sit and have a blather with the rest of the girls; where we can sit and have a drink, have a laugh and we're not crying all the time. And then the

Friday morning I feel fine." Her husband, Sandy, said: "You can feel your week falling away, all week, and then it comes to the

know exactly how you feel — and you get that lift."

Liz McLennan, mother of Abigail, said that the members of the families took it in turns to deal with media inquiries, depending on how strong they felt. There is always somebody ready there to pick up: like in a battlefield, when the guy who holds the banner falls there is always somebody behind to pick up that banner and to go forward." Martyn Dunn, who lost his

Barbara, moved to England after the shootings because of his job. but they visit Charlotte's grave in Dunblane regularly. "Even though we are 300 miles away, we know that the extended family are look-ing after our interests," he said. Mr Dunn said that all the

families had co-operated with the programme-makers. Only eight of the families agreed to be interviewed because the others had not felt strong enough.

David Scott, father of Hannah.

to show how, in these tragic circumstances, we can be positive, how difficult it is day to day, how all of our priorities have changed and how the children and Gwen [their teacher] live on."

The parents said they had only recently started talking about the shooting itself. Most of their energy has been spent getting through one day at a time, and supporting surviving children. Mrs Petrie said she took comfort every day from going into her son's room. "In the morning I open his blind and we've got a woollen doll and I'll say,

'Morning wee man', and I know he's not going to answer me but this helps me through the day."

The parents plan to commemorate the anniversary by lighting candles in their windows. They appealed to the media to leave them alone on the day. They said: "As March 13 approaches, we have requested that Dunblane is free from media attention. We trust that you will respect our privacy and we invite everyone to share in remembering our children and their teacher by lighting a candle at

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daughter Charlotte, said that the Dunblane: Remembering Our said: "We decided to make this film Thursday night and once you've other parents had become like an it iust doesi

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Palumbo rails against trashy train liveries

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

PRIVATE rail companies defended the colours sported by their trains yesterday after Lord Palumbo, the former Arts Council chairman, at-'kitsch". Speaking in a Lords debate on design. Lord Palumbo said he despaired at the colour schemes emerging. Why should the liveries of privatised rail services be such a rash of kitsch?" he asked.

Six private companies have unveiled the colours for their trains. They range from the menacing dark blue of the Great North Eastern Railway, which has earned its trains the nickname "Stealth Bombers", to the orange and green of Midland Main Line Virgin, which will operate about half of all InterCity services, plans distinctive scarlet, while Great Western Trains has opted for a more sober ivory and green.

Alec Rattray, the account director at Saatchi & Saatchi Design responsible for the Midland Main Line livery, said: "We wanted to signal a change and get away from the idea of the golden age of rail and be more modern. The orange stripes are like 'gofaster' stripes to suggest that sense of speed and zooming along. I think the word 'kitsch is unkind: one man's kitsch is

Rail commentators expressed mixed feelings about the colours, the latest in a long history of livery changes since the nationalisation of the railways in 1948. Roger Ford, Editor of Rail Privatisation News, said: "I agree that the Midland Main Line colours are very distinctive but I think most passengers care far more trains rather than the colour of the outside. The new liveries are designed to be seen from the trackside and who stands there apart from train spotters and photographers?"

Older rail buffs still hanker after the distinctive colours of the "Big Four" private companies that were amalgamated to form British Railways the chocolate and cream of Great Western Railway, malachite green of Southern Railway, teak brown of London & North Eastern and maroon of the London, Midland & Scottish Railway.

Two other operators announced their liveries. South West Trains is to use the Stagecoach bus company corporate colours of red, blue and orange, and Connex South Eastern will be white and blue with yellow stripes.

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Sheepdip poison plea farmer is sent to jail

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A FARMER was yesterday found guilty of attempted murder despite his plea that sheepdip poisons had made him incapable of controlling his actions.

Robert Billings, 60, was sentenced to nine years in prison for shooting George Foster in November 1993, Billings, from Warninglid in West Sussex, was given 12 years in jail for the crime in 1994. But the court of appeal quashed the conviction last July after hearing that new evidence about poisoning by organophosphates in sheep dip had not been avail-able at the original hearing.

The defence at the new trial at Lewes Crown Court said that the chemicals either by themselves or in combination with severe alcoholic intoxication, had rendered Billings unable to form a specific intent to kill. It was the first time that the effect of exposure to the insecticide used by tens of thousands of sheep farmers had been offered as a defence in a criminal trial. Hundreds of farmers claim to have suffered varying degrees of ill health after dipping sheep, from 1975 to 1992.

CORRECTION

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was educated at Harrow County Boys' School and Cambridge, not Harrow, as reported on March 2.



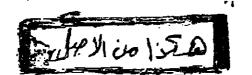
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SIX Scottish cleaning ladies have made naval history by joining the all-male crew of a Royal Navy warship during trials at sea, it emerged

HMS Newcastle set sail with the civilian Mrs Mopps on board because of a shortage of able seamen. The women, aged between 18 and 43, were drafted in to carry out general duties in the galley and dining hall areas between November 9 and February 3 this year. They had to sign the Official Secrets Act before boarding the Type 42 air defence destroyer and embarking on the three-month trials in British waters along-side 220 navy personnel and soldiers from 3 Para, the affiliated regiment.

None of the six employees from the Aadvark Cleaning Company, in Dunfermline, Fife, had been to sea before and had to take regular doses



Yesterday the Royal Navy said that the presence of the civilsupervisor, said: "None of us had ever been to sea before on ian cleaners on the 4,500a warship so when they put tonne warship freed the

centrate on other duties". The women were trained in sea survival and firefighting really quite exciting." before the destroyer set sail. They had separate accommodation and their own mess and showers. Unconfirmed reports say that they received a £20-a-week bonus.

Jackie Healy, 18, from Dun-



the idea to us we thought we would give it a bash. It's an experience I would not have missed for the world. It was

Three of the cleaners were married with children and one was replaced early on because of sea sickness. The longest spell spent at sea was two

the team, as the replacement, and enjoyed herself so much she now wants to join the Royal Navy. "I really enjoyed being on board HMS Newcastle. It was a laugh,"

Rodney Currie, manager of Aadvark Cleaning Company, in Dunfermline, said it was a marvellous opportunity for the women. He said that the firm had already had a contract to clean ships during

refits at Rosyth and was asked if staff would be interested in taking part in the sea trials. There was a flood of

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Mr Currie said: "The women were terribly excited when they went, and when they came back for Christmas they were full of stories. We do a lot of navy work and it's great when our staff get a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity such as this to go to sea. They built up a very good relationship with the ship's company. I think everyone got on well." He said that on land their

job had been to jet-spray clean the ship's superstructure, including the missiles, gun turrets and lifeboats. But at sea they concentrated on duties in the dining room and kitchen. The company is part of Aadvark Cleaning Company in Portsmouth, which has had contracts with the Ministry of Defence for eight years. The women joined the vessel

He said: "It is standard procedure after a ship's refit to take on board civilian personnel but usually it is specialists,

at Rosyth and sailed to Ports-

mouth where most of the trials

took place. A Ministry of

Defence spokesman said the women did a valuable job

during their time on board.

But he said there was nothing

unusual in using civilian staff,

although that was the first

time civilian cleaners had set

the ship took six contract cleaners to make sure that the Royal Navy personnel were able to concentrate fully on other duties."

The Royal Navy emphasised that the ship was undergoing only trials during the time the cleaners were on board. HMS Newcastle is now fully operational and the six temporary seafarers have returned to their normal duties

Liz Henry, 44, the cleaner's More defence cuts a risk to national security, MPs say

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

spending will "jeopardise the defence of the realm", an allparty Commons committee said vesterday.

MPs on the Commons Defence Committee said there was a well made case for reversing some of the cuts imposed under the Government's Options for Change review in 1990 and Frontline First in 1994. Understaffed units, particularly in the infantry, were suffering.

The committee reported that going to save £85 million in salaries in the current financial year because of the staff shortages, most of it from ings in future years would rise to £120 million, the MPs said. The defence budget, however, was not being reduced because the savings were

being spent elsewhere in it. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, told the MPs that he was not happy about the situation and would prefer to have the forces fully manned. But the committee said that the shortages in the Army looked set to last for at least another three years. The present undermanning was 5,350, which was forecast to fall to 4,700 by April, to 4,000 hunter-killer submarines.

FURTHER cuts in defence in April 1998 and to about 3,000 in 1999.

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The shortages had created a vicious circle, the committee said. Soldiers had to work longer hours and spend more time away from home, which resulted in more leaving the

The MPs said: "We insist that the defence spending plans set out in the 1996 Budget must at least be maintained in real terms in future years."

The committee said that the Ministry of Defence was major equipment programmes would be vulnerable to delay or cancellation because a large number of them were due early next Army pay. The projected sav- century. In the financial year 2003-2004, the programmes for an Horizon-class frigate, the Eurofighter combat aircraft, an upgraded Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft and a new RAF anti-armour weapon would be in their peak years of

> expenditure. The committee also disclosed that there were 116 outstanding equipment requirements, many of which were very expensive and were also due in service at the same time. They included the Astor airborne surveillance system and Batch 2 Trafalgar class

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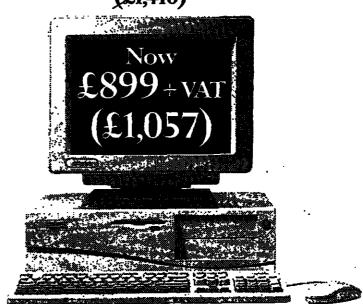
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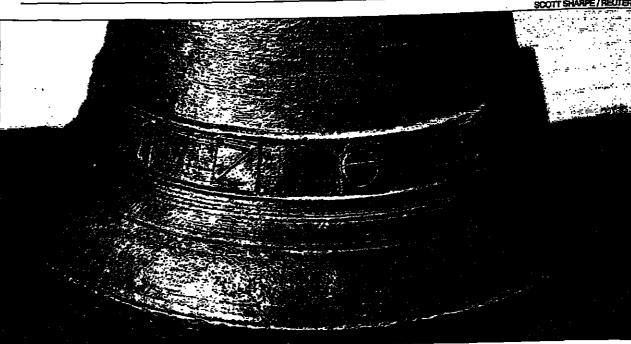
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Ship discovered off American coast rings a bell



A bell, cast in 1709, from a wreck off North Carolina believed to be Blackbeard's ship. Queen Anne's Revenge

Sea wreck renews hunt for Blackbeard's skull

THE almost certain discovery Blackbeard's ship has raised hopes that the publicity will solve the riddle of what happened to the notorious pirate's skull. After a Highlander serving with the Royal Navy sliced Blackbeard's head off with a broadsword, his skull was said to have been drinking vessel in the taverns of the North Carolina coast.

The wreck discovered by American archaeologists 200 yards off North Carolina the exact site is being kept a secret to deter modern pirates is believed to be the Queen Anne's Revenge, the biggest pirate ship of the time with more than 40 guns. It was hailed yesterday as the most important relic of the golden

age of piracy.

David Cordingly, a world expert on pirates and author of Life Among The Pirates, said the only other pirate wreck of note was the Whidah, which belonged to the rather less celebrated Black Sam Bellamy. The prospect of raising the Revenge was very exciting. This would be the greater find, very little has been left behind by pirates and Blackbeard was the most famous of all."

Edward Teach, an English man who became known and feared as Blackbeard, created mayhem throughout the Caribbean and along the eastern coast of America up to Virginia in the early 18th century. He pioneered psychological warfare by spreading stories about himself. "He doesn't seem to have been terribly cruel; he doesn't seem to have



Blackbeard, right, fighting First Lieutenant Maynard. Shortly after, he lost his head Cordingly said. But he was outrageous. His big thing was to go in and blockade a whole town. Often he was really only after a medicine chest, because all his crew had syphillis. Blackbeard was the most colourful and famous pirate because his death was so dramatic.

Contemporary accounts of his grisly demise in 1718 are found in salt-stained logbooks kept by the captains of the Royal Navy ships that ensnared him, from a report in the Boston News Letter and in Captain Charles Johnson's The General History of Robberies and Murders of the Most Notorious Pirates.

The Governor of Virginia,

gone in for torture." Dr exasperated by the failure of second stroke, which cur off lina to "extirpate this nest of vipers", had asked the Royal Navy to go after Teach. They brought their vessels alongside his in the early morning and woke Teach from a drunken stupor.

Blackbeard and Robert Maynard, a first lieutenant, fought with swords and took shots at each other. Teach was wounded but fought on. The News Letter reported: "One of Maynard's men, being a Highlander, engaged Teach with his broadsword, who gave Teach such a cut on the neck, Teach saying Well done lad: the Highlander replied, If it be not well done. I'll do it better. With that he gave him a

his counterpart in North Caro his head, laying it flat on his

Local legend says that when the headless corpse was thrown overboard it swam several times round the boat. The head was said to have been bought from Maynard by a citizen of Bath, North Carolina, boiled, and the skull lined with silver. It was reported to have been used in taverns along the East Coast as a drinking vessel. Now its location is unknown. "If all this fuss about the wreck could

unearth the skull again, it

would be wonderful," Dr

Blackbeard is the inspira

Cordingly said.

tion behind a cottage industry in the parts of America that he terrorised. There is a Blackbeard museum on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina, and a Blackbeard Internet site is run from Manteo in the same state. It lists the seafarer's romantic adventures: he had 12 wives, one of whom was a 16-year-old from Bath. Residents of the islands where the wreck was found are delighted and remain fiercely loyal to Blackbeard. Jim Beach, manager of the Queen Anne's Revenge seafood restaurant on Roanoke Island, said yesterday: "Blackbeard was a fascinating guy and we are proud of him. He was certainly a despicable fellow, but we hold him in

Nelson's hair saved grandson

been in his veins, but the erandson of Britain's greatest naval hero was not of a military disposition. In fact, according to a

letter to be sold at auction. Horace Nelson Ward's mother went to considerable lengths to ensure that he avoided having to follow in his grandfather's footsteps after being called up in 1848. Horatia Nelson Ward. the illegitimate daughter of

GALA queen contests, long a

land, are under threat after a

local authority ruled that they

do not conform to equal oppor-

Fife council has banned the

Miss Craigtown competition at Craigtoun Country Fair, the largest fair in Fife, which is

run by the council each May near St Andrews.

The girl chosen presents

prizes at the fair and represents the area. But the council's East Area Community

Services Committee has decided that the reigning Miss Craigtoun, Alison Hughes, 17,

member, said: "We feel that the contest did not reflect the

true spirit of equal opportuni-ties and placed too much

will be the last.

in unequal contest

Nelson's liaison with Emma, Lady Hamilton, apparently even went so far as to "bribe" Sir William Burnett, an Admiralty official, by sending him a lock of her father's hair. In an accompanying letter she says: Permit me again to thank your for your kindness to my son. Now the lock of dark brown hair and the letter are to be sold at Bonhams in London. They

looks. We suggested to the

advisory group that the fair

might want to investigate an appropriate alternative

David Sommerville, head of

Fife council's community services department, said other

such competitions would be looked at in exactly the same

way. However, gala queen contests held by voluntary

groups would not be affected. Edinburgh council has also

banned gala queen contests. aying they are outmoded.
The decision has angered

some councillors. James Braid, who chaired the judg-ing committee for Miss Craigtoun, said the contest

was not about beauty. "There is no shortage of people who wanted to take part.

Bonhams, said: "The evidence suggests that her gratitude could have been for excusing her son from his naval commitments. The gift might have acted as a guarantee. allowing Horace the freedom to become a clergyman rather than following a career in the Navy. It is recorded that when her son was called up. Horatia

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Parents must pay for youth crime, Howard declares

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS could be ordered to pay compensation for acts of vandalism committed by their children or to keep them under night curfew under government proposals to tackle youth crime outlined yesterday. Parents who do not comply might find themselves guilty of a criminal offence and subject to further penalties. Courts could impose fines of up to £1.000, curfews, electronic tagging or confiscation of driving licences.

The proposed "parental con-

trol order" was announced by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, as part of an initiative to combat youth crime, which costs El billion a year. Mr Howard's Green Paper, Preventing Children Offending, also targets children, including those younger than ten, at risk of "going off the rails". A national network of child crime teams, drawn from police, probation officers, teachers, social workers and health service workers, would identify children likely to offend. The teams would refer the children, and parents if appropriate, to suitable schemes — to be tested in pilot

projects — to divert them from crime. They would also set up data bases of problem families. "Our strategy is to tackle crime at its roots and to give children the best chance of growing up as law-abiding adults. The aim is to act before the child has offended," Mr Howard said. The Green Paper says that 10 to 15-year-olds make up 14 per cent of known offenders and 10 to 17-

Mr Howard ruled out lowering the age of criminal responsibility below ten. but the plans would enable children younger than that to be targeted, he said. Children would not need to

year-olds 26 per cent.

Children would not need to have committed any offence to be referred by the teams. Families could be referred if they showed "the existence of a number of risk factors known to be associated with criminal activity, such as poor parenting, persistent truancy, a sustained pattern of antisocial behaviour at school, or associating with known offenders". Mothers and fathers might be sent for training in parenting skills. Magistrates or councillors could be called

PILOT SCHEMES

The idea of nipping criminal behaviour in the bud by identifying children at risk and offering support comes chiefly from the United States, but it is already being tested in projects across Britain. Three kinds have attracted government attention:

HOME START: A network of nearly 200 home-visiting

■ HOME START: A network of nearly 200 home-visiting schemes, which uses experienced parents as trained volunteers to work alongside families with pre-school children. Families referred may be in difficulty because of domestic violence, suspected abuse, debt, children's behaviour or other reasons. Research findings taken from 90 families show that 60 per cent of mothers were "very satisfied" with the service.

CITIES IN SCHOOL (UK): has devised a "bridge school" allowing teenagers excluded from school to pursue further education and work experience. It is also responsible for programmes designed to reintegrate into schools younger children who have been permanently excluded. In the past three years, 75 projects have been set up. One in three pupils went on to further education and one in four to youth training.

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FAIRBRIDGE: personal development programmes with demanding outdoor activities for those aged 14 to 25 at risk of truancy, school exclusion, long-term unemployment, drug misuse and crime. Monitoring of the project found 81 per cent of participants did not reoffend within a year and 8 per cent found other jobs.

in to add weight to the warnings.

The parental control order would be used by courts where parents were ineffective inexercising care or control of children of any age, with no lower limit and even where no offence had been committed. Conditions could be attached, such as requiring parents to take children to and from school; to remain at home during certain hours or make reparation for criminal

Mr Howard said that parents had the primary responsibility for ensuring that children knew the difference between right and wrong and respected the law: "There is a small minority of parents who do not bring up their children responsibly and shun support that is offered."

that is oftered."

The new controls could be imposed for up to three years and would be used where the child had behaved in a way likely to lead to an offence, which had resulted in an offence or — if under ten — would amount to an offence if it had been committed by an older child.

Mr Howard insisted that his plans bore no relation to Labour's youth crime proposals which, he said, contained no detail. Labour was proposing "some kind of caution-plus outside the courts system, which is significantly different from a court-ordered caution".

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said the government proposals were a "poor and partial imitation of Labour" plans.

Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said: "The Green Paper is a peculiar mixture of constructive ideas to prevent delinquency, and punitive parent-bashing measures which will do nothing to cut youth crime." Mary Honeyball, general secretary of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said: "Parents of children who commit offences generally require help and support. Many are struggling to cope. Fines and curfews will only increase the feeling of inadequacy."



Frederick Forsyth and his wife, Sandy, with the insignia of the CBE after his investigate vesterday, below, Dame Barbara Mills, DBF, and her husband, John



Jackal has his day at the palace

THE thriller writer Frederick Forsyth met the Queen yesterday and said afterwards that the 500 people present at the Buckingham Palace investiture were more likely to be a cross-section of Britain than the audience at the controversial Carlton Television debate on the monarchy in January.

The author of The Day of the Jackal was at the Palace to receive his insignia of the CBE, which was announced in the New Year's Honours List a week before the studio debate in Birmingham. during which he had angrily defended the Royal Family against noisy critics.

After the ceremony Mr

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Forsyth said all walks of life
had been represented. "At
Birmingham you got a lot of
people with nothing better to
do and a lot of people from
the inner cities who just
wanted to slag off the Royal
Family. That was a very
loaded audience."

Mr Forsyth said the Queen did not mention his part in defending her family. "She asked if I intended to write another book and I said time alone will tell."

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Of his decision to speak up for the monarchy during the television debate, he said: "I felt the dice had been loaded. It became personal instead of theoretical as I had been told it would be. I did not see why I should sit there and say nothing. I got combative."

Among the hundreds of guests being honoured from all walks of life yesterday were senior civil servants and company chiefs, charity workers, a physiotherapist, museum warder, postman and newsvendor. Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, invested as Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, was at the palace with her husband, John, now fully recovered after being injured during a mugging in 1995.

Geoffrey Dear, Inspector of Constabulary, who was being knighted, was there with his father, Bill, 83, a policeman for 30 years until he retired as a sergeant in 1963, and his son Simon, 34, a police constable based in Alton, Hampshire.

No-kissing zone for

An Oxford college has appointed a "petting officer" to patrol its junior common room after splitting it into kissing and non-kissing zones. Exeter College voted for the move after members complained they were "offended and nauseated by promiscuous activity" in the common room and dinner queue.

Roger Evers, a third-year classics student and social officer at the college, has been asked to enforce the rule.

asked to enforce the rule. Heroin raids

Police have arrested 20 suspected heroin dealers in dawn raids in Hampshire. Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and London after a surveillance operation lasting five months. Detectives believe they have cut off the main source of the drug in Hampshire.

Actors' strike

All 80 subsidised regional theatres could be shut down by strikes after Equity, the actors' union, rejected a pay offer. The union is pressing for a minimum £250 per week gross salary for its members; the Theatrical Management Association has offered £200.

Fewer fake notes

Forged money seized in Britain dropped to £10 million in 1996, compared with £29 million in 1995. The National Criminal Intelligence Service says this is because it has worked with regional crime squads to put many counterfeiters behind bars.

Battle remains

More than 100 skeletons unearthed during excavations at a former primary school are believed to be victims from the Battle of Lewes in East Sussex in 1264. More than 2,000 people died in the battle. The remains will be reburied on consecrated ground.

Mary coin sold

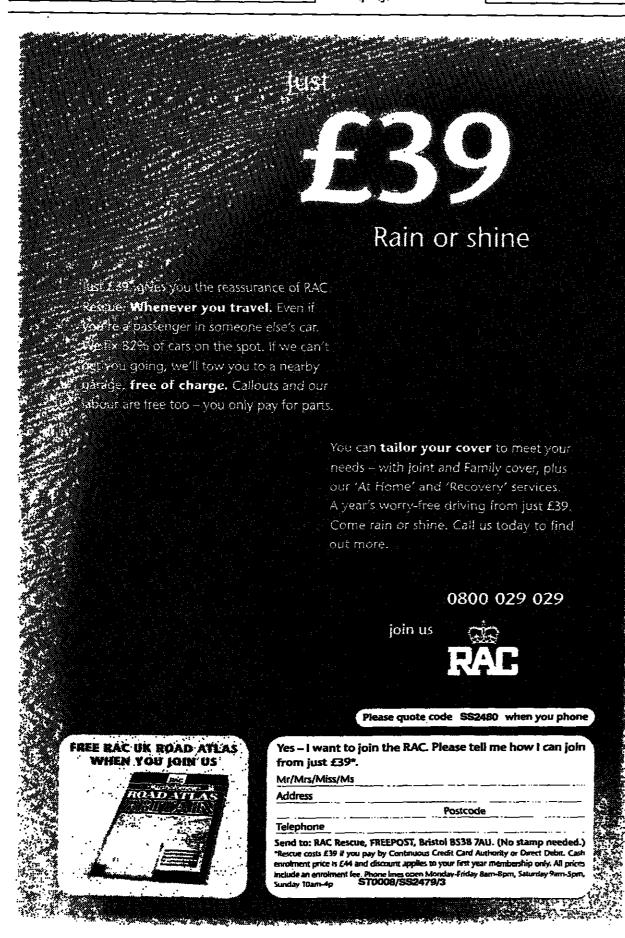
A rare coin from the reign of Mary Queen of Scots fetched £80,500 at auction. The £558 gold ducat depicts Mary and her husband and is thought to be one of only five surviving examples. It was bought by an anonymous collector at Spink and Son, London.

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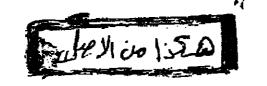
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Hamilton verdict set to be delayed beyond the election

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE former Trade Minister Neil Hamilton is likely to fight the general election with the inquiry into cash-for-questions allegations against him remaining unfinished.

Fresh delays have disrupted the long-running Commons disciplinary investigation into accusations that he accepted gifts to table questions to ministers. A potentially explo-sive report into his business dealings will not be ready until the end of this month. leaving MPs insufficient time to consider its findings before the Commons rises for the

Mr Hamilton faces the prospect of being suspended as an MP if any of the more serious allegations against him are upheld, although he has stren-uously denied any wrongdoing.

Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, was due to submit a report to the disciolinary committee last week. However, new contradictions in evidence submitted to the inquiry in the last week have him to postpone publication

Sir Gordon and his two assistants are understood to have been "overwhelmed" by contradictions contained in oral and written evidence submitted during the four-month

The latest delay is expected to leave senior MPs on the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges with an impossible task to agree a final report into Mr Hamil-

ton's affairs before the election. If the report had been completed by last week, the committee would have had time to decide whether to publish Sir Gordon's report in full or to hold public hearings then write their own report. Earlier complications had already dashed Mr Major's hopes, voiced last October, that the inquiry would be completed well this side of a

general election". Mr Hamilton's fate may well depend on when Tory business managers' decide to dissolve Parliament. If an Easter recess is called, with MPs returning for the first few days in April, the standards committee will be able to meet during the recess, and publish its report when the Commons returns. However, if Parliament is dissolved before Easter, the committee will not be able to continue its work

beyond the dissolution.

Some Labour MPs are seek-

ry, leading to further delays. The 11-member committee had prepared for a series of late-night sessions to try to complete the report, as well as leaving open the possibility of continuing its inquiry during the recess.

> Sir Gordon was pressed by Mr Major to complete his work as quickly as possible, and report well before the general election. Mr Major agreed to pass to Sir Gordon any relevant documents and said: "In the interests of natural justice, I am determined that this matter shall be fully

ing assurances that there will

be a pre-election report put to

the Commons, arguing that its conclusions could have a cru-

cial bearing on whether Mr

Hamilton stands as a the

general election candidate for his Cheshire seat of Tatton.

However, senior Labour fig-

ures are more relaxed, saying

that they would prefer to decide Mr Hamilton's future

Mr Hamilton is understood

to be determined to press for a

public hearing so that he can

defend himself against a

range of allegations concern-

ing his dealings with the lobbyist Ian Greer and

Mohamed Al Fayed, the own-

er of Harrods, who claims that

he paid Mr Hamilton to ask

questions in the Commons.

Such a move, which has the support of several MPs on the standards committee, could

pave the way for a series of

public hearings involving oth-

er figures central to the inqui-

after the election.



■ John Major tested his powers of communication on a radio phone-in yesterday. Peter Barnard assesses his performance

THE bizarre prospect of John and Norma Major queuing outside a Huntingdon trattoria while hard-pressed Italians desert such eateries in favour of the cheaper Irish bars that are springing up in Rome was raised in the space of an otherwise unconnected three minutes yesterday.

Mr Major was supposed to begin answering phone-in questions at 10.45, but at that time BBC Radio 5 Live was still running a programme called Eurofile. Listeners expecting the Prime Minister instead heard that Italian youngsters, strapped for cash due, no doubt, to the strictures surrounding currency conver-gence, had given up eating pasta of an evening in favour of drinking Guinness.

At 10.48 the phone-in began and the first questioner wanted to know why Mr Major did not spend more time extolling the economic recovery by "showing photos of packed airports in summer and winter. Also restaurants. Mr Major agreed that it was very difficult to get in restaurants". This may explain why he has in the past been spotted

in a Happy Éater. There were 36,000 callers. ló of whom got on air. Few qualified as friendly fire. Nick, a fisherman from Cornwall, said: "Ten years ago 80 or 90 per cent of fishermen were Tory, now Tory is a four-

letter swear word." Come expectation but I think I'll dawn on Newlyn fish quay, one imagines the air reverberating with cries of "The Tory The Prime Minister is a Spanish have caught all the

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Tory haddock." The questioners rounded up the usual suspects: crime, health, education. And Mr Major chanted the usual mantras. There was an exciting moment when he announced the election date. Well, Diana Madill, the pre-senter, said: "So is it a fair expectation to have it as May 1 do you think?" Mr Major said: "Well there is a fair

announce it in the normal constitutional way."

better communicator on radio than on television or in the Commons. Body language matters on television, but Mr Major doesn't have any. In the Commons, Mr Major comes across as a soft man doing a poor impression of a hard one. On radio he is warmer: he comes over as a decent man.

But I detected that the Prime Minister is preparing himself for defeat. Asked

Save up to 1/3

what was his main problem, he said: "Eighteen years is the principal problem ... when you've been in government for 18 years you're fighting in

a sense a phantom enemy." The last question was about Mr Major's beloved Chelsea: had Chelsea deserved the penalty that won them a Cup tie against Leicester City? "I don't think it was a penalty.' Mr Major said, but added: "It's a hell of a job being a referee." He sounded wistful, as if wishing he had handed out more red cards in Cabinet. somewhat earlier in the game.



By AUDREY MAGEE RELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE horror of sectarian violence was portrayed in a public information film broadcast on television in Northern ireland for the first time last

The 80-second film is an attempt by the Northern Ireland Office to warn people, as the marching season looms, of the dangers of sectarian hatred.

Timebomb depicts a group of children and infants playing happily in a bright toy-filled room. But the atmosphere gradually becomes ominous as radio news interrupts their play with reports of bomb blasts, church protests, civil unrest at Drumcree and punishment attacks, including crucifixion.

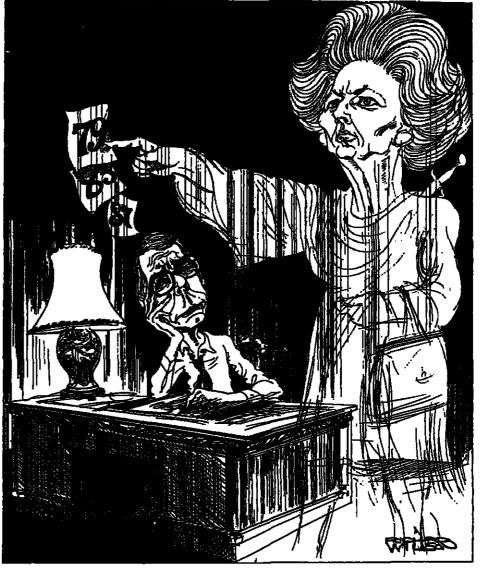
To an arrangment of the Diana Ross song Do you know where you're going to?, the room darkens and the film ends with a scene reminiscent of Child Play, the video film said to have been watched by the two young boys who murdered Jamie Bulger. The final shot fades out on the face of a young child.

Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland Minister. presented the film yesterday and said: "This film is, frankly, one we would all wish should never have had to be made. Viewers may find it disturbing, perhaps even frightening. That is not unintentional."

Timebomb is the latest in a series of films made by the Northern Ireland Office to promote peace and understanding in Ulster. It cost the taxpayer £185,000 and will be regularly broadcast on UTV, the ITV channel in Ulster.

The NIO has been making television and radio broadcasts promoting peace in Ul-ster since the beginning of the Troubles over 25 years ago. Since the late 1980s, the broadcasts have been more sophisticated and thematic.

Plans to compare recent burnings of churches and schools with Kristallnacht in Germany in November 1938 were shelved in the face of severe criticism from historians and Jewish groups. A government spokesman said the idea was still seen as valid and could be used again later.



Mawhinney wins poster row with Saatchi

day, shows the Labour leader

Bill alongside the words:

£30 billion spending prom-

But before the launch was

ises." Underneath is written:

sanctioned it was tested by focus groups, which respond-

ed enthusiastically. It was a victory for Dr Mawhinney.

but one that confirmed the fears of some Central Office

officials that he has not

stamped his authority hard

enough on the campaign. "Michael Heseltine has the

"Who pays?"

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By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE latest Tory poster reached the nation's billboards yesterday only_after Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, resolved a dispute between the party chairman and the advertising guru Maurice Saatchi.

The poster, which attacks Labour's economics policy, was presented to a meeting of strategists at Conservative Central Office last Tuesday. The party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, who made clear in weekend press interviews that he was in charge of the election campaign, insisted on testing the poster with focus groups of floating voters.

Lord Saatchi, whose com-pany M & C Saatchi created the poster, refused to countenance the idea. The newly ennobled peer, who has worked on four previous gen-

eral election campaigns, resented the suggestion that his company's work should be market tested. But Dr Mawhinney, who

Hamilton: accused of

taking cash for questions

has the support of Norman Blackwell, head of the Downing Street policy unit, argued that all future posters should be tested. The disoute arose against a background of private criticism at Central Office and Downing Street about the poster of shedding a red tear.

The lion, which was even disliked by the Prime Minister, has been sent back to the zoo because it was deemed to have been a flop. Dr Mawhinney and Mr Blackwell were concerned it had not gone before focus groups before it was displayed at hundreds of sites around the country at a cost of tens of

The dispute between Dr Mawhinney and Lord

thousands of pounds.

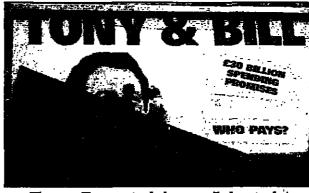
Saatchi, who is close to John clout," one official said yester-Major, was not resolved by the end of Tuesday night. On

Dr Mawhinney denied that Wednesday morning Michael Heseltine, who will play the the lion posters, which have been criticised by the advertising industry, had been dropped because they were a role of campaign peacemaker between Central Office, mistake. He said that the lion Downing Street and M & C Saatchi, decided to intervene. theme had never been intend-He backed Dr Mawhinney. ed to run throughout the The poster, which was uncampaign. veiled at Central Office yester-

Labour, which welcomed Ben Chapman, new MP for

Wirral South, to Westminster vesterday, condemned the Tories' new poster. Brian Wilson, the campaign manager, said: "It speaks volumes that all the Tories have to offer is more of the same crude, negative campaigning that failed so dismally in the Wirral. The Tories have now become negative campaign junkies."

Photograph. page 24



The new Tory poster being unveiled yesterday

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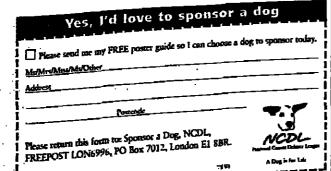
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Labour and Lib Dems in voting reform deal

By JILL SHERMAN

LABOUR and the Liberal Democrats will today announce a deal on constitutional reform that will include the setting up of a new commission on voting reforms.

Robin Cook, Shadow For-

eign Secretary, and Robert Maclennan, president of the Liberal Democrats, will publish a report from a joint constitutional committee that has met in recent months.

Yesterday Liberal Democtat sources said they hoped the agreement would ensure that "an old voting system goes out with an old century". But Labour sources made clear that the party had not given înto Liberal Democrat demands for a timetable for a referendum on PR. They suggested the report would merely say that a referendum on voting systems will not be ruled out in a first Parliament".

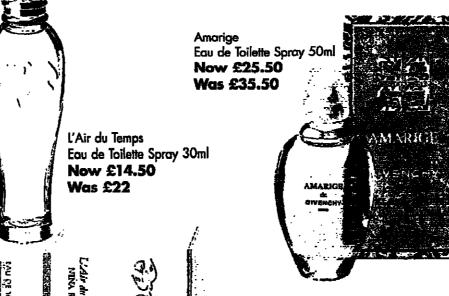
The report is, however, expected to propose that a commission would have 12 months to assess the best voting system, behind which all those in favour of electoral reform would unite. The new system would be put as an alternative to the status quo if and when Tony Blair decided to hold a

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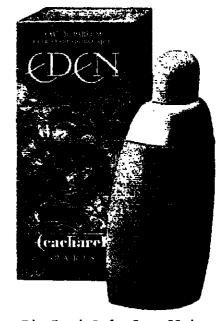


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Half of children's intensive care units could be merged

units in England could be merged or closed under plans drawn up by a health department committee Fewer, larger units run by highly qualified staff would provide a higher quality of care for the 12,000 children a year who are seriously injured in accidents or fall critically ill. according to the National Co-ordinating Group on the Provision

of Paediatric Intensive Care. The proposal will raise fears that access to the units will difficult and comes after complaints that hospitals are repeatedly turning away beds. The Royal College of Nursing said that ease of access was a major concern and any delay in admission could jeopardise recovery. However, the committee says that more beds have been provided and the switch to fewer units must be backed by "retrieval teams" who would go out to fetch children by ambulance.

The pressures were demonstrated last week when a three-year-old girl with meningitis was taken 200 miles by helicopter from Sunder-land to Glenfield hospital in Leicester after her parents were

A committee set up after the death of a 10-yearold boy for whom no bed could be found has recommended that the NHS runs fewer, larger units for children, Jeremy Laurance reports

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she needed was not available locally. The girl, Jodie Levey, died on Monday night of meningococcal

The national co-ordinating group was set up by the Department of Health last year after an inquiry into the death from a brain

haemorrhage of ten-year-old Nicholas Geldard from Stockport after an unsuccessful search for a bed. The committee presented its draft report to a conference of specialists in London yesterday. The final report will go to ministers in May.

Evidence from Britain and

abroad shows that children do better in bigger units with trained staff on duty 24 hours. Although the draft report does not specify a minimum number of beds, it says that units must be of a sufficient size to sustain full-time highly qualified staff working exclusively n intensive care.

One paediatric consultant said: You have to ask what you would expect if your child was in an intensive care unit. I would say I would expect a doctor who knew what was going on to be there 24 hours a day."

There are about 30 intensive care

fewer than six beds and some have only one or two. Some beds are also provided in specialist units, such as

those treating burns.

The number of paediatric intensive care beds in England rose from 127 in 1987 to 249 last year. Since the inquiry into Nicholas Geldard's death, 31 beds have been opened in the past ten months and another seven are planned to open by next month. The beds cost about £250,000 a year to run and are always under greater pressure in the winter. However, 40 per cent of children requiring intensive care

units for children but half have are still looked after in adult units

or on the wards. The group envisages one or two lead units in each of the eight health regions in England. It says the switch to larger units should be phased in over several years, but in the meantime smaller units must arrange to work closely with their nearest large centre and agree arrangements for the transfer of

An extra El million was made available last year to establish specialist retrieval teams and every hospital with a unit will be instruct-

Judge gets

clean away

with Elvis

exhibit

By Emma Wilkins

soap and bottle of perfume and walked happily from court yesterday after reserving

judgment over the battle of the

King of Rock 'n' Roll's name. Mr Justice Laddie was

delighted when told he could

keep the £5.99 bottle and £1

bar of soap, which bears the

The products are manufac-

tured by Sid Shaw, 50, who has built up over 20 years a

£3 million business in Elvis

Presley memorabilia, trading

east London, is appealing

against a ruling last year that

gave Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee.

three trademarks on Elvis Presley toiletries in Britain.

As Richard Meade, counsel

for Mr Shaw, handed over the goods, Mr Justice Laddie said: Thank you. With these, 1

could be a millionaire in a few years' time." The court was told earlier that, under Ameri-

can law. Elvis Presley Enter-

prises was the direct successor

selling a bar of Elvis Presley

soap, I'm asking the court to make an assessment whether there would be a substantial risk that a substantial number

of members of the public

But Mr Justice Laddie said

Peter Prescott, QC, counsel for Elvis Presley Enterprises, said: "In the case of someone

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image of Elvis Presley.

HIGH COURT judge picked up his Elvis Presley

Pollution alert boosts sales of bottled water

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SALES of bottled water are booming across Britain as people respond to an outbreak of cryptosporidium in Hert-fordshire and north London

by shunning tap water. Suppliers of a leading brand of hottled water said that demand from retailers had risen to more than a million bottles a day, five times the normal figure. A spokesman for Premier Waters, which supplies Evian mineral water. claimed that the outbreak of diarrhoea in Watford, St Albans and northwest London had worried consumers

Last night the number of confirmed victims of the microscopic parasite in the affected area had risen from 32 to 38. The outbreak, which has led to 300,000 households served by Three Valleys Water

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being told to boil their water until further notice, comes after a report by the Environment Agency that public sup-plies are contaminated by pollution and toxic algae.

Premier Waters said: "The main concentration of demand was in the affected area but it was also higher in other parts of the country ... sales were above those of summertime peak demand."

A spokeswoman for Sainsbury's also reported heavy demand at stores in the affected area. "It is too soon for us to tell what is happening nationally," she said. Special consignments were being brought in from Scotland.

Asda sent 78,000 bottles to the area to cope with demand - selling them at a non-profit price. Supplies at the Asda store in Bexleyheath, Kent -

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40 miles away - sold out. The Drinking Water Inspec-torate, health officials and Three Valleys Water sought to pin down the source of the outbreak yesterday. Crypto-sporidium is found in farm manure and food and can be transmitted by contact with infected people.

Three Valleys said it had

contacted hospitals, schools, vulnerable: customers, den-tists, pharmacists and others with information and advice. It said it knew that a pharmacist had claimed that contaminated water had caused an increased level of illness in the Barnet area in December, but Barnet was outside the area currently affected and was supplied from a different water source. Tests at the time had showed no evidence of contamination.

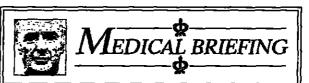


Clean bald: Ian Botham, the cricket commentator and former England player, with a New Zealand policewoman after their heads were shaved for a child cancer charity. Botham hopes to raise £21,000. Match report, page 46

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ORGANISERS AND PALMTOP PCs SAVE UP TO £30 Fit that spoiled Liz Taylor's party is not too serious



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

LIZ TAYLOR is reported to LIZ TAYLOR is reported to range when they are most have had a seizure during often diagnosed 40-60; she recuperation after brain surgery for a meningioma. She has been readmitted to the took place but in every other way is said to have made an excellent recovery. A meningioma is a benign tumour of the

covering of the brain. An epileptiform seizure after surgery to remove a meningioma is common. Farhard Afshar, a consultant neurosurgeon at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London. said that the incidence of seizures after removal of a meningioma was as much as 15 per cent. It largely depended on the position of the

growth. In Miss Taylor's case the tumour is reported to have been sited in the brain above her ear, in the region of the temporal lobe. In this position post-surgical epilepsy is more likely. Unless the patient is very old, and the meningioma is causing little trouble, surgical removal is the standard

The reports on the position of Miss Taylor's tumour make it likely that the operation would have been 100 per cent successful. A spokesman at the Institute of Epileptology at the Maudsley Hospital in London said that a survey had shown that if a patient was to suffer a seizure after brain surgery, 37 per cent would have one within the first week.

After such a seizure patients are prescribed anti-epileptic drugs for at least two years. However, treatment has recently so improved that nearly all patients can be kept free of

Whereas most brain tumours are more common in men than women, meningiomas are found more frequently in women. The tumours occur at any age but Miss l'aylor just comes within the



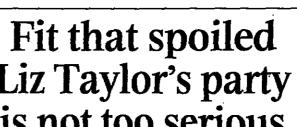
Taylor: will be given anti-enilentic drugs

seizure is a frequent initial symptom. In other cases meningiomas may cause pressure on a cranial nerve that results in problems with vision, swallowing or hearing. Other patients will notice changes in the power or sensation in their limbs but in many cases the first symptom

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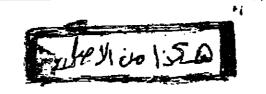
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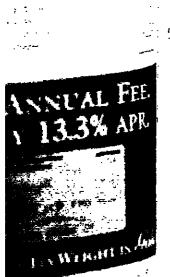
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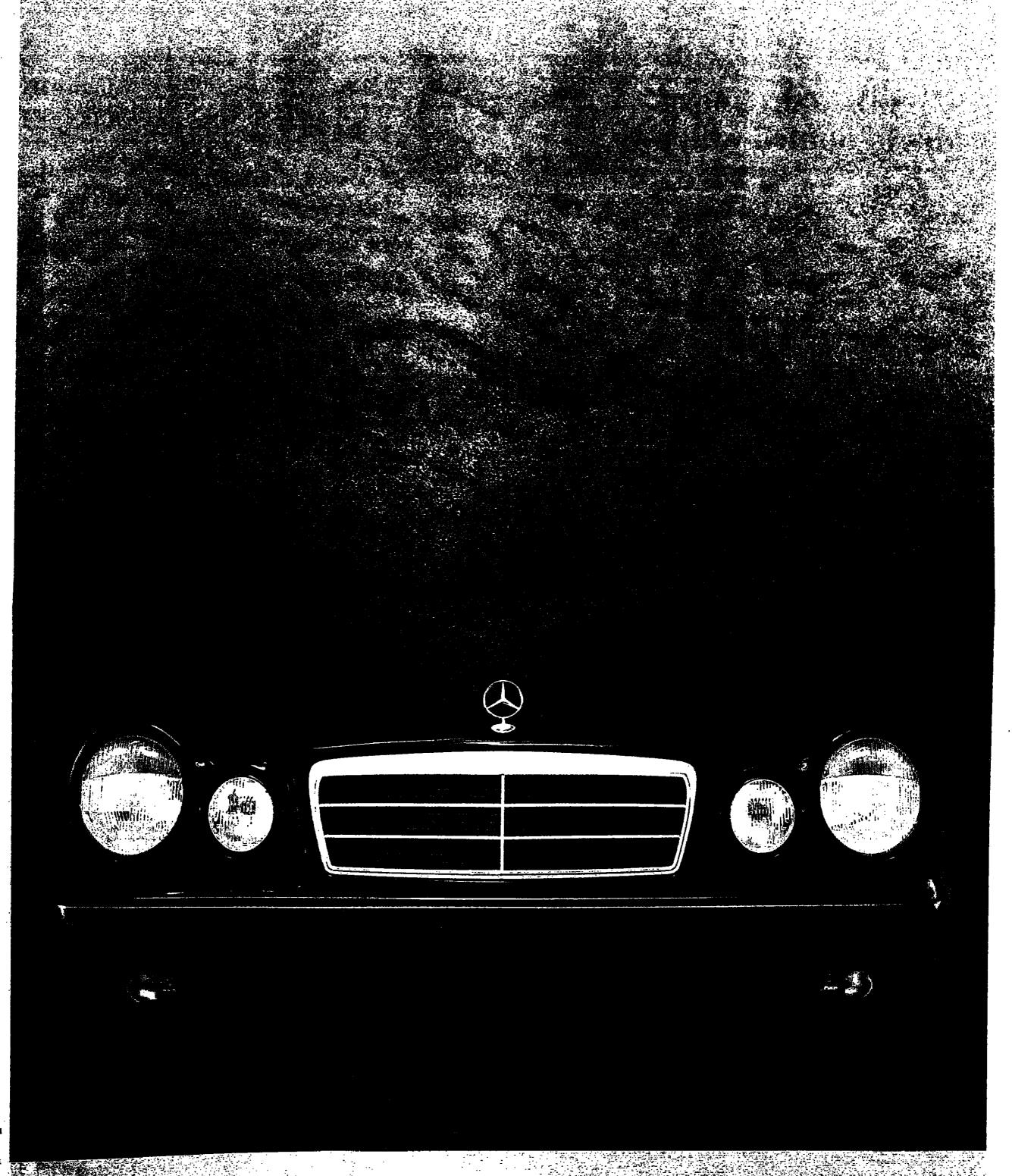
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Battle for final 12 miles to radioactive waste dump intensifies as German activists tunnel under road

Anti-nuclear protesters defy police onslaught

THE German police yesterday launched baton charges and fired powerful water canon against masked stonethrowing anti-nuclear protesters in a pitched battle to gain control of a country road leading to a radioactive waste

dump. Petrol bombs flew through the air, bursting at the feet of several hundred riot police as the German authorities tried to find a way of transporting some 700 tonnes of nuclear waste to a huge fortified warehouse in Gorleben.

The six nuclear canisters were carried the length of Germany, from Bavaria in the south to the far northeast of the country, in a railway odyssey. Saboteurs sawed through tracks or made hoax bomb alarms and, on the final stretch, two protesters covered themselves with quick-setting cement in an attempt to delay the cargo. "Delay is a kind of victory for us ... it gives the Government time to change its mind," said Peter Lustig of the Gusborn protest camp. one of 14 improvised settlements that have sprung up during this frenzied week of

demonstration and rioting. A few dozen yards away from Herr Lustig's camp was a further sign of the delaying strategy: an approach road to Gorleben which had been undermined in four places by tunnellers. Earth has been

in deliberate imitation of the tactics used by British motorway protest tunnellers.

Yesterday, an official from the highway authority pronounced the road unsafe for the nuclear containers which have now been unloaded from the train and placed on heavy. low-slung lorries for the last 12 miles to Gorleben.

That sabotage demned as dangerous by Social Democrat politicians and even by some members of the so-called "resistance" — has switched the focus to the other main access road. This runs through the village of Quickborn and protesters were yesterday promising that the battle of the Quickborn

Road" would be fought today.
The spoils of victory could be huge for the protesters since it would wreck Germany's nuclear energy pro-gramme. Jürgen Trittin, a Green politician, is urging the authorities to take the waste back to the south of Germany population around Gorleben would never accept a nuclear

If all roads were made impassable and the waste had to be returned, the authorities would have to rethink their strategy. That prospect, however remote, has given an edge to the protests. Germany has strict laws on the suitability of roads for heavy-duty traffic





German riot police, top, and anti-nuclear protesters, above, line up for confrontation as authorities sought to move a nuclear waste shipment to the dump in Gorleben

make them unsafe. Some of the 1,200 inhabitants of the Gusborn protest camp were preparing yesterday for the Quickborn campaign. Others gathered around a loudspeaker in the centre of the

wams, resembles an Indian reservation — to hear intercepted police messages. "We have taken two prisoners . . . crackled one message. "Wait for further instructions," came the standard reply.

unwashed after two cold. damp nights in an open field - cackled with mirth until a camp orderly told them to switch off the transmission since it is an illegal act to tune into the German police frequency. Although the anti-

nuclear activists talk around their campfires about Gandhi and Mao, they confirm to German standards of discipline. Yesterday, they were dutifully sorting their rubbish according to its recycling value, dogs were kept on leads and alcohol was banned. The Gorleben campaign taps a German nerve. Farmers, elderly villagers, shopkeepers and teachers all support the militants and close their eyes to the violence because some-

 the sanctity of nature appears to be under threat. Indeed, for generations of Germans brought up on Novalis and other Romantic poets, the defence of nature is

Turkish leader defies military ultimatum to halt Islamic drift

FROM ANDREW FINKEL

Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, yesterday defied threats by his military to force him to halt what they see as the country's drift towards radical Islam.

He told supporters that he would not resign but would soldier on as the defender of democracy and the sovereign-ty of parliament. "That is it. No more discussion," he told his Welfare Party MPs ahead of a planned opposition motion of no confidence, which was rejected by parliament.

The supporters made it clear that they had no intention of implementing a strict package of measures produced by the military.

Turkish However, the armed forces are unlikely to retreat from their ultimatum. issued after a nine-hour meeting of the country's National Security Council last Friday. Commentators have described the meeting as being nothing



Erbakan: will not leave office without a fight

short of a military coup by stealth. The council promised to

enforce unspecified "sancif the Government failed to root out "anti-state activities concealed in anachronistic guise" The published communique

also reiterated Turkey's desire to join the European Union. Many of the measures the

are themselves anachronistic 20 demands, however, appand incompatible with Tur- ears designed to make it They include reinstatement in some form of Article 163 of the penal code used to combat religious propaganda against the state.

The military also wants stricter enforcement of Article 174 of the Constitution, which safeguards some of the initial radical reforms of the Turkish republic. Among them are the now neglected prohibitions against Islamic dress and religious brotherhoods.

The forces are clearly alarmed at the spread of a radical Islamic counter-culture in many urban centres of Turkey, through private Koranic schools and secret organisations.

The generals are believed to resented Mr Erbakan with intelligence reports suggesting that Islamic militancy has overtaken Kurdish separatism as the country's number one threat.

The military's list of about whose Welfare Party campaigned for fuller Islamic rights, to continue in office. He has made it clear that he will not go without a fight.

His one comfort is that he

knows the military will hesitate to antagonise domestic and international opinion with a full seizure of power. An attempt to prune the Welfare Party by force risks making it grow stronger. The military's outspoken-

ness is a reflection of widespread frustration in Turkey that the Welfare Party managed to gain power last July with only 21 per cent of the vote. Mr Erbakan skilfully exploited a personal enmity between the leaders of the two

centre-right parties The generals are trying to exert pressure on one of the parties, the True Path, led by Tansu Ciller, to pull out of the ruling coalition.

EMU delay 'requires new treaty'

cil was quoted vesterday as saying that a delay in launchrency would force the renegotiation of the Maastricht treaty, and its ratification by

EU member states. Herr Hesse, in an interview with the Nordsee-Zeitung of Bremerhaven, also said the efforts of some countries to ioin economic and monetary union did not mean that the Maastricht criteria could be ignored.

"At the moment, all memher states are wildly determined to fulfil the criteria and be there at the start. It would be a loss of prestige to miss the start." he said.

But, he added: "We must insist the criteria are strictly observed because the entry of Germany is only allowable under the constitution if the currency union is stable." Record postwar unemploy ment has pressured state finances and put reaching the

criteria into doubt. (Reuter)

Nato chief says Moscow ready for security deal

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

new strategic security partnership, Javier Solana, the alliance's Secretary-General, disclosed vesterday.

He said he believed that the Russians would agree to the partnership and that it was hoped to complete a deal before the Nato summit in Madrid on July 8. Señor Solana, who was speaking during a visit to London, is flying to Moscow this weekend for negotiations with Yevgeni Primakov, the Rus-

sian Foreign Minister. The increasing confidence within the alliance that Moscow will reach an agreement was reflected in a meeting vesterday at Downing Street between the Nato Secretary-General and John Major. Downing Street sources said the Prime Minister and Señor Solana agreed that there were positive signs that Nato and

Russia could agree on a new

membership of the alliance to several former Warsaw Pact nations at the Madrid summ-

it, the detailed negotiations between Senor Solana and the Russians over the past few months had proved constructive, the Nato chief said. Addressing the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Señor Solana said: "We are about to begin work on the text of an agreement. The atmosphere is constructive. I do not want to minimise the difficulties, but I believe they are interested in a partnership with Nato and that we will conclude one." He said there was "movement and momentum" in the discussions. What we are willing to conclude with Russia is of farreaching importance for the whole of Europe."

There was no question, he added, of "buying Russia off"

NATO and Russia are about security relationship. Al- alliance's proposal to extend to begin work on the text of an though Moscow continues to further east. "Like the enlargeelopment of our relationship with Russia is part of a wider transformation of Nato that will be good for Russia, good for Nato and good for the whole of Europe." he said.

Señor Solana said that critics of enlargement appeared to forget that it was part of a broader strategy to create a more stable and secure Europe: "I see a great tendency to highlight the difficulties and speculate about the consequences of enlarging Nato, but far less attention to the far greater implications of not deing so." To maintain Nato as a "closed shop" would be to keep the countries of Central and Eastern Europe imprisoned in their past"

Dismissing claims that enlargement would be hugely expensive, he said that opening Nato to new members would be a "good bargain and a sound investment"



Paralysed Frenchman tells his story in the wink of an eye

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

A PARALYSED former magazine editor has written an acclaimed book using the only part of his body that still moves - his left eyelid.

Jean-Dominique Bauby, 44, was the editor-in-chief of Elle until be suffered a brain haemorrhage on December 8, 1995, which plunged him into a coma. When he awoke he was permanently paralysed from head to toe. He could not speak and needed help to eat and breathe. Only his brain and one cyclid functioned normally. M Bauby was diagnosed as suffering from "locked-in" synrome, a rare neurological condition in which the part of the brain that sends commands to the body is destroyed.

The former editor, who has described his condition as being like a prisoner trapped inside an oldfashioned diving suit, nevertheless resolved to write a book. Just over a year later. M Bauby's courage and determination have been rewarded and The Diving Suit and the Butterfly will be published by Robert Laffont on Friday. Described by Le Figure as poignant and distressing. the book is widely considered to be a tribute to the resilience of the spirit.

Translating the flight of the butter-

fly onto paper was an agonisingly slow process. Every day for a year. Claude Mendibil, an editor with Laffont, came to M Bauby's hospital room in Berck-sur-Mer, 50 miles south of Calais. She recited an alphabet in which the letters are ordered according to the frequency with which they occur in the French language. When she arrived at the desired letter, the paralysed man would wink and Mme Mendibil

wrote the letter down. By that laborious process, words and sentences and eventually whole pages of text were created.

M Bauby has not lost his sense of humour. Interviewed in Elle, he said: "I love the story of Claude going to a cafe after one of our long dictation sessions. The barman gave her a big wink and she burst out laughing, leaving the poor man completely baffled."

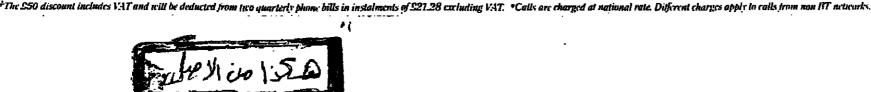


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Netanyahu defies US by ordering start on settlement

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israel Prime Minister. Binyamin Jetanyahu, defied criticism b President Clinton and other orld leaders and vowed yestrday to start work within daylon a settlement in occupied est Jerusalem that will provid homes for 6,500

Jewish fardies.

Diploms said that Mr
Netanyahis rejection of
American poposition to the work at her Homa had put the bigget strain on US-Israeli relations since his election last May over Mr Clinton's referred candidate, Shimon Ples, of Labour.

Heraldig what many observers for will be a new round of Israeli-Palestinian clashes, te Prime Minister told army adio in reference to work on the hill between Jerusalemand Bethlehem: "It is two weks from the standpoint of the buildozers. From the standpint of the survey work, it is nly a few days. We are determned to go on build-ing in Jertalem."

The Prile Minister added, in the factof increasing pres-sure at the United Nations against th project: "If it were not for the legal restrictions, the bulldzers would have been on Hr Homa yesterday

and not to weeks from now. Mr Nejnyahu denied that

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minimise the inevitable hostil-

ity he will face during a visit today to Egypt, where President Mubarak has spoken of the grave dangers posed by Har Homa to the fragile peace The Israeli leader brushed

off remarks made in Washington where Mr Clinton sided with Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, saying that plans to build on occupied land theoretically the subject of future Israeli-Palestinian negotiations would fuel mistrust. "There was nothing new in what he [Clinton] said," Mr Netanyahu told the radio. "The Americans understand

our policy well." He said that Mr Clinton had also made clear to Mr a brief dely in sending in the surveyors ad been in order to Arafat that America would not tolerate violence. Many Arabs Arafat that America would not

and Israelis have voiced fears that the first flashpoint could come as early as Friday when the Palestine Liberation Organisation is trying to organise a mass prayer session at the

A senior PLO official said Monday's general strike in the West Bank and Gaza was "the first angry message, which will be followed by more powerful protest measures".

After warnings that violence could be worse than that sparked last September by the Israeli opening of a tunnel near Islamic holy places in Jerusalem, Israeli tanks and snipers have been placed on alert in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. At the first sign of concerted trouble, an iron-fist response codenamed Opera-tion Field of Thorns will be launched.

Israel captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 war and soon after annexed it, a move still not recognised internationally, which is why the embassies of the world powers are situat-



The Spanish Foreign Ministry has bowed to pressure from African diplomats and belatedly ordered the removal of an African warrior who was stolen from his grave, stuffed and put on display at Museum of Natural

Warrior's final retreat

Barcelona (Michael Dynes writes). A boycott of the 1992 threatened by African pro-

warrior, known as El Negro, was removed from display, returned to his homeland and given a dignified burial. The warrior has been displayed in a glass case, and largely ignored, in the Spanish town since 1916. The stuffed warrior, exhibited alongside an ape and a monkey, had shocked some

Zimbabwe drafts law to allow race bias

IN HARARE

BILL to legalise racial discrimination in the form of affirmative action in Zimbabwe's business sector is expected to be introduced soon. Critics say it will fan increasing tension between blacks and whites and entrench corruption.

A draft of the "Prevention of Discrimination" Bill proposes to extend prosecutions for discrimination beyond public services to the denial of personal finance and the refusal to sell property.

The main thrust of the Bill is clause which permits discrimination when it is to advance "persons disadvantaged by past discrimination".

The draft is a response to a vociferous campaign over the past seven years by black businessmen to have white businesses excluded state contracts and to force banks to grant loans to black businessmen at preferential

Professor Welshman Ncube, head of the University of Zimbabwe's public law department, described the draft as vague, arbitrary and open to abuse.

Ralbis keep the lid on frontline cornflakes

By Christopher Walker

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to store the milk separately from meat products. Jewish dietary laws require

a separation of all dairy and meat products. Cheese packaged in sealed containers can be stored in the same kitchen as meat, but milk needs its own container which can be found only on larger military

After expressions of anger from combat troops, who have already been suffering morale problems over their conditions, the army said that it was considering changes to enable the fighters to start the day with their favourite meal. The changes would involve the purchase of long-life milk which enables cornflakes to be added to the standard frontline breakfast rations of bread, eggs, tomatoes and

cucumber. Such has been the pace of social change in Israel that off-duty soldiers are able to enjoy that most non-kosher of delicacies, a cheeseburger, at a large new McDonald's in Jerusalem.

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Beleaguered Berisha puts close aide at army's head



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The Albanian President needs to know that soldiers will fire at civilians if ordered, writes Richard Owen in Tirana

THE Albanian Army began southern Albania under emergency regulations issued by President Berisha authorising troops to open fire on protesters carrying weapons. The protesters continued to

roam southern Albania at will, and much of the country appeared out of Tirana's control, casting doubt on the army's ability or willingness to restore order. Opposition leaders said many protesters were prepared to fight despite the Government's "shoot to kill" policy, and there was a risk of "serious bloodshed".

Army bases in Vlore and Himara were looted. In Vlore. a four-year-old girl was killed by a stray bullet while playing in her garden. The hospital in Viore was looted by rebels who stole food and clothing. firing weapons in the corridors and operating rooms.

In a surprise move intended to tighten his grip on the

By James Pettifer

THE sacking by President Berisha of

Albania's army chief and the appoint-

ment of General Adem Copani in his

place indicates the difficulty the right-

wing Government is having in making

The army was rapidly scaled down in the aftermath of communism, as it was a

highly politicised behemoth for a small country, but it has never been fully re-

equipped and suffers from many-logisti-cal and leadership weaknesses.

Command is still influenced by the sons

of Second World War partisans, most of

whom come from the south and have

the state of emergency effective.

army, President Berisha, who was re-elected by parliament on Monday after ordering a state of emergency, sacked General Sheme Kosova, his Chief of Staff, and replaced him with his own military adviser. General Adem Copani. An official communiqué said General Kosova was directly responsible for "failing to defend army barracks in the south against looters".

The move also appeared aimed at countering soldiers' reluctance to fire on civilians, even if armed. Two weeks ago Kosova personally oversaw the recapture of a strategic bridge taken by the rebels in the southern town of Memaliaj, but it was subsequently recaptured. The army lost credibility as a result, with

morale severely undermined. The authorities said more than 1,500 weapons, looted from police and army arsenals last weekend in an orgy of rioting, had been handed in.



A masked man fires an AK47 outside the university in Vlore. Mayhem reigned as rebels looted army stores, fired into a hospital and seized a warship spokesman said foreign jour-

But in Sarande, on the Adriatic coast, protesters declared their own "government" and army commanders simply told their troops to go home, according to television report-

ers in the area. The Sarande rebels commandeered a rusting warship from the naval base - part of the small and dilapidated Albanian Navy - and began firing at the coast. Further south, in Gjirokaster, a petrol station and hotel owned by Gjallica — one of the failed pyramid funds — was burnt

and looted. In Fier, close to Tirana, rebels in cars and lorries opened fire on an army harracks and seized army weapons until police arrived to rescue the local army commander. Army bases in Vlore and Himara were also looted.

The Berisha Government's attempt to impose a total news blackout was abandoned after international protests, with the European Broadcasting Union able to restore satellite links for foreign broadcasters, whose relay station was cut on

since last autumn. General Copani is a

tough, impressive man with an indepen-

dent mind who embodies the old Otto-

man proverb, "To the Armenian the pen.

to the Albanian the sword". His appoint-

ment may offer a glint of hope for a

reasonably peaceful resolution.

Mr Berisha's hope must be that
General Copani can bring unity to a force

that otherwise shows every sign of dissolving into antagonistic factions

It must remain doubtful, however,

whether the military will be capable of

maintaining discipline in a prolonged

occupation of the rebellious southern

under the pressure of events.

towns.

nalists were free to report provided they "stayed within Albanian law". Journalists were expelled

from southern towns on Monday and were yesterday advised not to return "for their own safety ... because the situation in some towns is still not under the control of state

But the Albanian media remained muzzled, and officials insisted this was in accordance with European and United Nations conventions. Pavle Mihal Qesku, the Albanian Ambassador in London, said the internal media restrictions were a temporary measure, but insisted that international coverage was unrestricted. He said the situation in Sarande and Vlore and a "stretch of land along the coast" was out of control, but this was only "a fraction of the country".

There were reports of a crackdown in Lushnje, 60 miles south of Tirana. with troops surrounding the town and carrying out house-to-house searches with agents of the feared secret police, the Shik. Troops in tanks and armoured personnel carriers also surrounded Vlore, the

By TIM JONES

BRITISH businessmen and

tourists were yesterday ad-

vised by the Foreign Office to

put off plans to visit Albania.

The British Embassy in the

capital, Tirana, was also ad-

vising people to register their

There are thought to be

about 75 British people work-

ing in the country and by last

night most of them had made

They are mainly aid work-

business consultants.

their whereabouts known.

Adriatic port at the centre of the rebellion.

Foreign residents, mainly Italians, evacuated from Vlore by helicopter on Monday said the town was still in the hands of armed rebels, many of them youths in their twenties wearing balaclavas or Palestinianstyle keffinahs and driving lorries and cars flying the Albanian flag, a black eagle on a red background. There is absolute mayhem in Vlore," one Italian businessman said. *Complete chaos, a free for

Albanian opposition leaders said they did not believe Albanian troops, a third of whom are conscripts, would open fire on their fellow citizens. They are just boys in uniform," a member of the opposition Forum for Democ-



teachers and missionaries.

Andrew Tesoriere, the British

Ambassador, said: "We are

advising people they should

stay clear of the south of the

country or leave it as soon as

dampdown in Tirana, the city

is calm and people are obeying

the curfew. But the situation

should not be exaggerated.

There are at least two or three

flights out of the country every

day, so people are not

At least one man, Colin

He added: "Because of the

possible.

trapped."

racy said. He said Mr Berisha would have to rely on the Shik to break the revolt, which began as a protest over lost savings but has snowballed

into a general uprising. Albanians woke up to a second day of martial law after a night of eerie calm. with police and troops enforcing a dusk-to-dawn curfew. The road to the south — which at Lushnje narrows to a single track over a bridge - re-mained closed by roadblocks manned by armed police and the secret police.

As dusk fell in Tirana where a heavy security pres-ence has stifled protests. Skanderbeg Square mally the busy heart of Tirana - resembled a deserted stage set, dominated by the great mosque and an equestrian statue of Skanderbeg, Alba nia's national hero. There was the occasional rattle of unexplained gunfire from the suburbs nestling in the surrounding hills.

☐ Rome: The pilot and copilot of an Albanian MiGI5 jet landed in southern Italy and requested asylum. The Defence Ministry said they were being questioned. (AP)

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US beauty denounced by Stltan

New York: Te Sultan of Brunei yesteray attacked unfounded serationalist allegations of aformer Miss USA who is suin him in a Los Angeles court (fuentin Leus

Shannon Mrketic, claims she was reld against her will at the Sitan's palace and expected to firt with men in a "party rooi". She had been promisd \$21,000 (£7,500) a weel by a Los Angeles talent agncy for "promotional work" Lawyers for the Sultan are investigating

Plan for jails in mineshafts

Johannesburg: Suth African prison authoritic may convert old mineshits into jail cells to house te country's growing crimina population, which has reache 124,000, an official said. The roposal led to anger and disnay among human rights a vists. who described it as brbaric. The Correctional Serices said a committee to lok into the issue of housin prisoners underground word be established soon. (AFP

Algeria o get electon

Paris: Algeria wilhold multiparty elections or June 5. the state-run radio sal, quoting a presidential statment. The country has beenwithout an elected parliamet and local councils since 192, when a general election invhich radical Islamists had tken a huge lead was annubd. About 60,000 people hee died in the resulting political violence. (Reuter)

Death 'sent' to Haiti chidren

Miami: Vos BV, olThe Netherlands, and its Geman subsidiary, Helm AG. shipped a death sentence to the children of Haiti" when tainted sweetener killed hudreds of youngsters. David Mishael said in a federal heang. He is claiming \$100 million (£62 million) for 45children. many of them dead AP)

General's mission to dragoon troops

little instinctive sympathy with Mr

General Copani has been Mr Berisha's

right-hand man on military matters for

the past five years, and has close links

with Nato. He comes from the south and

is a humane, intelligent man who is unlikely to seek a bloodbath. It is

probable that he has been appointed to

use his personal authority to bring

rebellious southern officers and troops to

heel, and to try to get the army to operate

Moreover, if the military is going to

become the de facto Government, links

with Nato may be vital; Mr Berisha has

been seeking German military assistance

as an effective force in the south.

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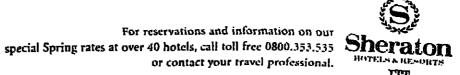
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British urged to stay away Raine, 48, of Bridlington, who is trying to build an orphanage near Tirana for the charity Hope and Homes, says he is determined to stay. His wife, Barbara, said: "I am obviously concerned for his welfare, but he is the kind of person who will not come home until he sees his work

> "When I last spoke to him he said things were getting worse by the hour, but there was not too much he could say over the telephone as he thought it might be bugged.

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Plan to plunder database 'backed by Mrs Clinton'

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY CLINTON encouraged a plan to copy White House databases to help the ♠ Democratic election campaign, in an apparent breach of laws which ban the use of federal property for party political purposes, according to information which emerged from a congressional committee yesterday.

Al Gore, the Vice-President, meanwhile, used a hastily arranged press conference to deny that he had done anything illegal in soliciting money for President Clinton's re-election campaign last year from his White House office.

Allegations about inappropriate Democratic fundraising practices have multiplied in the past two weeks, partly because congressional committees investigating campaign finance have secured White House documents.

Recent claims — such as the allegation that Mr Clinton used the offer of a night in the White House's Lincoln Bedroom to coax funds from donors - are more easily understood by the public than early allegations about illegal foreign contributions, but so far the President's popularity ratings appear unchanged.

However, Democrats are concerned that even if no illegal activity is proved, the charges will tarnish Mr Gore's anticipated bid for the presidency in 2000. In this week's Newsweek. George presidential adviser, says that from 1994 until Mr Clinton's re-election in 1996, "money became a near-obsession at the highest level".

"You can't imagine how bleak things were inside the Clinton White House in late 1994. Newt Gingrich and his insurgents had just clobbered us at the polls; the President's approval rating was flat-lin-

ing," he said.

As a spur to himself, Mr Stephanopoulos said he taped a Republican newsletter to his desk, which "taunted that, 'It would take a miracle for Bill Clinton to be re-elected'. That was true - and it would also take cash, tons of it, and everybody from the President down knew it."

Mr Stephanopoulos said: We pulled out all the stops: overnights at the White



Stephanopoulos: "cash

House, coffees, intimate dinners at Washington hotels, you name it."

The question now facing congressional committees is whether the Democrats' aggressive fundraising, which nevertheless raised less money during the election than Republican efforts, broke federal laws. According to a White House memo in the possession of a congressional com-mittee, Mrs Clinton wrote This sounds promising, please advise" on the top of a memo which suggested using a White House database as the basis for a new computer system for the 1996 campaign. It emerged in January that names of Democratic contrib-

utors from the White House database had been passed to Democratic campaigners. Mrs Clinton and White House officials have denied that federal laws were broken.

Mr Gore denied similar allegations on Monday, saying that although he had made a few campaign calls from his office, he had used a Democratic National Committee credit card. He says that although he has done nothing illegal, he will "as a matter of policy" not make such calls in the future.

However, Trent Lott, the Senate Majority Leader, said that Mr Gore's conduct raised a serious question of wrongdoing which warranted investigation by an independent



Benny Crampes rescues his dog from a flooded home in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, yesterday as muddy river water slowly retreated in parts of the state. The

Floods recede after 48 die

flooding, which followed from their homes in Tennesrecord weekend downpours, see. Kentucky, Indiana, forced thousands of people Ohio and West Virginia.

Eleven people died in Kentucky. In all, 48 deaths were blamed on weekend

storms, flooding and tornados in the region, including

Peru siege rebels shun Castro asylum offer

SOUTH AMERICA

CORRESPONDENT

PERUVIAN guerrillas holding 72 hos-tages in the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima yesterday poured cold water on an offer of asylum in Cuba in exchange for their captives' release. Nestor Cerpa, the leader of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, said the rebels had no intention of leaving their country and reiterated their main demand for the release of more than 400 imprisoned comrades.

We do not want to make any statements about the Cuban offer as yet, out of respect for our friend President Castro. But it is our intention to continue our struggle in our country and we will not

give up until our main demand is fulfilled." Señor Cerpa said in a radio interview.

President Fujimori of Peru had announced Cuba's offer after talks in Havana with President Castro. He said that the Cuban leader had made the offer conditional on the approval of the Japanese Government and other mediators in the 78-day standoff.

US bars cash for human cloning

By TOM RHODES

PRESIDENT CLINTON banned all federal funds yesterday for human cloning experi-ments in America and urged a moratorium on private re-search until the ethical implications of the new science were understood fully.

In a directive designed to block legal loopholes, Mr Clinton spoke against "trying to play God" and said he did not believe government money should be used for further experiments. Joined in the Oval Office by Donna Shalala, the Health Secretary, and Dr Harold Shapiro, president of Princeton and chairman of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. Mr Clint-on said human cloning should not be considered in the same light as splitting the atom.

Any discovery that touches on human creation is not simply a matter of scientific inquiry; it is a matter of morality and spirituality as well," he said. He urged private research centres to impose their own voluntary moratorium until all aspects of cloning, including religious and philosophical concerns, had been debated.

After the cloning two weeks ago of Dolly, the Scottish sheep, Mr Clinton had asked the bioethics commission to review the implications for America and report back to him within 90 days. But the White House decided to take further action after discovering not merely the legal loopholes but also that scientists in Oregon had cloned two rhesus monkeys from embryos.

Immigrant rush added 1m voters

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In another sign of the Clintons' plans to ensure victory, the White House prodded the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) to reduce a large i ECKING SWILLY and accelerate its processing procedure before the polls last

The effort was spearheaded by the office of Al Gore, the Vice-President, but also appeared to involve Hillary Clinton as a catalyst. The INS programme, known as Citizenship USA, is now under scrutiny by Republicans.

Among those granted entry were an Ecuadorean wanted for murder and a Vietnamese

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immigrant who faced deportation for two convictions and a parole violation.

The Citizenship USA programme was launched in August 1995 by Doris Meissner, the INS commissioner, as a priority to reduce a backlog of 800,000 applications. The connection with the White House was established when the head of a Democratic activist group in Chicago wrote to the opportunities presented

by the new programme. Doug Farbrother, a senior Gore aide, was assigned to speed up the programme. Defending himself yesterday, he said people applied for citizenship to vote. Giving them that right after the poll would have been "like lining up for tickets to a rock concert. and we say we'll give you the tickets after the concert. Who knows how people will vote?"

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At last, the real clothes show.

LONDON

Beautiful basic clothes for real women are back in fashion, says Iain R. Webb

iring London Fashion Week, which ended on Friday evening, one critic described the latest collection by the designer Betty Jackson as "real clothes for real women". What, then, were the luxurious navy reefer jacket by Clements Ribeiro, the sleek, brown skirt suit by Alexander McQueen, or the exquisitely tailored leather trouser suits by Antonio Berardi, if not real clothes?

The autumn/winter 1997 collections featured some really good ciothes, but more often than not these fine fashions were obscured by the designer's need to make a statement or give the catwalk show an edgy feel. To be thought of as "edgy" (as in at the cutting edge) is perhaps the ultimate accolade for a designer at present. It implies they are ultra-hip. Sadly, it also means their shows tend to be a bit pretentious or, in several cases, just plain ugly.

What possesses a designer to dress up some of the world's most beautiful women to look as if they have taken part in a "dirty protest" backstage (Berardi); been kept in a freezer for more than a month (Philip Treacy); or have a bloom in their cheeks so rosy it looks as if they have been hit with the vase as well (Jackson)?

At present, the fashion pack is obsessed with all things weird. They shy from the sensible, balk at the becoming and would not be caught dead applauding anything close to commercial.

Yet, more than ever this season, beyond the façade of horror-story hair and makeup and high-drama presentation. London showed that fashion can be enjoyed by everyone. If a nation of women sighed when they read that the mini was back at Miu Miu. then, what the heck, wear the just-below-the-knee pencil skirts by Katharine Hamnett. if all you really want to buy next winter is a sweater, make sure it's plum, grey or bottlegreen. If you want to update your wardrobe with a new accessory, get a knee-length, high-heel boot (best at Amanda Wakeley by Gina).

There were a few pleasant surprises (in store at the end of August, care of Sonja Nuttall.







Left to right: SONJA NUTTALL: Assured. CLEMENTS RIBEIRO: Sheer delight. ALEXANDER MCQUEEN: A soft edge

English Eccentrics, Workers For Freedom and Jean Muir), while designers such as Ben de Lisi and Wakeley continued to make the most of their strong points: fluid cocktail and party dresses in smokey pink, plum, and purple, or luxurious minimalism cut in cream, butter, milk chocolate, grey, and shocking pink respectively. Both designers offered versions of the little black dress.

Design duo Pearce Fionda kept their fans happy with seriously shapely suits and slinky jersey separates, including a sexy double-layer split pencil skirt. Mostly monotone, and with a turban or two thrown in, the collection was made for a movie queen: Norma Desmond.

There was little change from Bella Freud and Jasper Conran — kooky, colourful and eclectic at Freud, while Conran showed his unique brand of grown-up glamour: feathers and leathers.

Nuttall returned with her collection to date — everything from dove grey or navy wintrouser suits worn with camisole tops or ribbed sweaters, to diaphanous metallic roseprint dresses, sometimes tied about the waist with a cashmere scarf. "Basic, beautiful clothes," says Nuttall.

The collections of English



Eccentrics (designed by Helen David) and Workers For Freedom were equally exquisite. David offered ultra-soft knits and sumptuous velvets alongside fragile-looking beaded pieces. Best of all was a honeycoloured, short-sleeved rollneck sweater worn with a long, matching skirt in duchesse satin, all wrappedup in a sparkling organza shawl. WFF favoured equally seductive fabrics and a vaguely oriental silhouette cut in suede, silk, velvet and geor-



stripes fresh and modern Left: WFF: Seductive fabrics with oriental overtones Right: NICOLE FARHI: A

trouser suit in plush velvet gette, coloured honey, brown, red and pinky hues, plus the

obligatory black. There was a fresh modern sweaters worn with kneelength A-line skirts, colourful velour stripes, punched suede, strappy camisole tops teamed with trousers or long skirts, and a neat, boxy leather jacket. Long georgette dresses in navy and black were pure Muir.

Tomasz Starzewski gets better each season — his elegant mix of brocade, satin, fake fur



and leather looked sleeker than ever. At Mulberry, the accent was also on luxury. from the sumptuous sheepskins to a strictly tailored bronze brocade suit or fulllength wraparound skirt edged in wine-red velvet.

Many designers, including Miu Miu, Nicole Farhi, Betty Jackson, Margaret Howell Katharine Hamnett and Paul Frith. played around with mannish looks mixed with distinctly feminine touches a wool or tweed coat over a sparkling sheath or a sliver of velvet, sportswear and glamour, leather and lace, sheepskin and sequins. Somewhat surprisingly, sheer is still an option for winter. Come on Mr. Frith, get over it!

Berardi and Copperwheat Blundell made much of sexy. great leather jackets and secund-skin dresses. Berardi added pretty frilly chiffons while Copperwheat Blundell favoured furry fleece.

Knitwear lans will be pleased to see Lainey Keogh and Julien MacDonald on the London schedule. Both spin their own kind of magic with wool - rich and textured at Keogh, lightweight and airy-fairy at MacDonald.

If there was a wish-list this season then three names would be on it: McQueen, Hussein Chalayan and Clements Ribeiro, designers who have broken away from the pack and firmly established their names internationally.

McQueen, for all his histrionics that threaten to cloud his vision, is unique. This season he portrayed the urban jungle

with a breathtaking mélange patchworked together on the same outlit. He startles by softening his tough edge with flowers. Aside from some quite awful "work-

leggings and Big Bird jackets), collection screamed It was pure elegance at Chalayan, made modern with his razor-sharp cutting skills. Slick tops and trousers (best in black or smoke blue) were followed by mohair sweater-dresses and slinky jersey col-

ing-girl" looks (stretch denim

umns. His suits (in black or bright red) followed a pencilslim outline, while his tasselled and beaded evening dresses were the epitome of clean-cut chic. One black jersey dress with a firework starburst design was simply divine. The design duo Suzanne Clements and Ignacio Ribeiro make great clothes that are full of ideas — folksy motifs covered everything from smock dresses to seamen's jackets, while a sheer black shift slipped over a brightly coloured floral dress.

Alongside the bolder looks

were stripey knits worn with baggy pants, sleek trouser suits and the smartest daytime mix of a reefer jacket, rollneck sweater and slim below-theknee skirt. It was a finely tuned collection which showed just why the husband and wife team have won such acclaim. This season London Fash-ion Week turned out to be a

real treat. Photographer CHRIS MOORE/ ANDREW THOMAS

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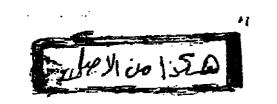
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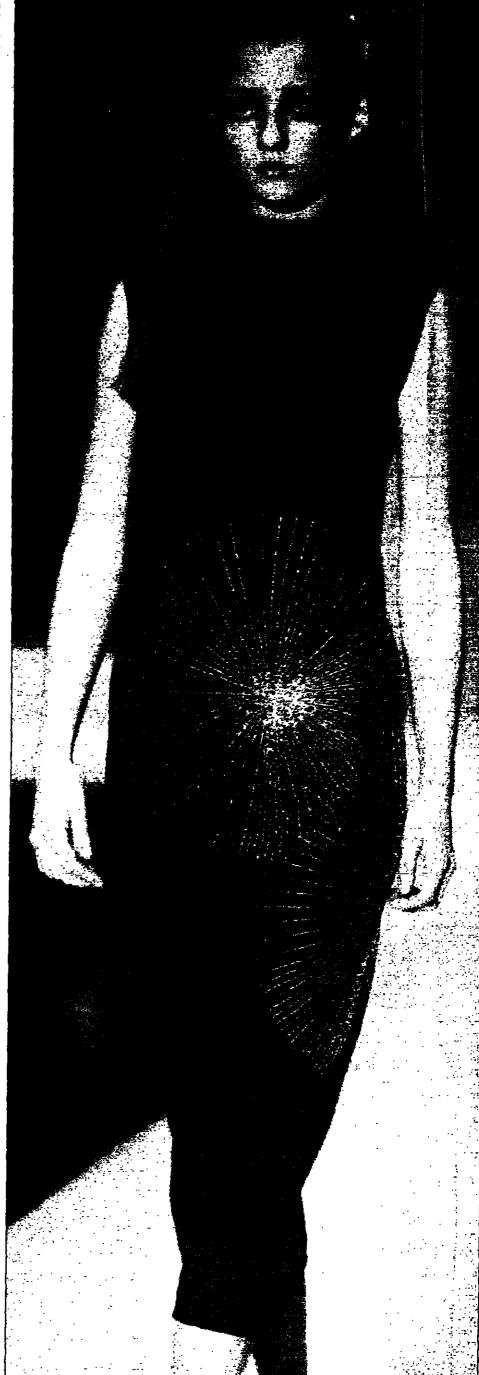
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HUSSEIN CHALAYAN: Pure elegance made modern with razor-sharp cutting skills

The McAlpine memoirs: Day Three - Parkinson is thrown to the wolves



Cecil and Ann Parkinson: Margaret Thatcher had told him that there was no need to resign, but advised him to reflect on the effect that carrying on might have on his family

he Parkinson affair surfaced in the summer of 1983. The Prime Minister rang me in Australia to tell me that John Selwyn Gummer was to be appointed to the chairmanship of the party. Gummer was totally different from Parkinson: where Parkinson was open and generous, Gummer was not. He was a politician not in the grand mould of Parkinson, Ridley or Tebbit

When the party conference came in 1983 it was in Blackpool. Cecil Parkinson, instead of a hero, the winner of a great election victory, went to that conference as if he were a man on trial. Gummer distanced himself and took what could be regarded as the moral high ground. Making no attempt to save Parkinson. he left his colleague to the political wolves. The advantage was to himself. As Gummer's efforts at charming the Conservative Party were puny by comparison with those of Parkinson's, it must have been a matter of some convenience to watch - burst by Ann Parkinson dehis predecessor come unstuck. It livered in a private converappeared that, as far as Gummer was concerned, Parkinson was about under immense pressure. It to receive just punishment from God for his adultery.

John Wakeham rallied the whips. In all the years I have attended party conferences, I can't remember one where so many whips took the trouble to come to Blackpool on the day before the conference opening, a day when normally nobody was about except the serried ranks of the press. Sadly, the whips were not there to save Parkinson's career, rather to put an end to it. Michael Spicer set out to try to save him from a ministerial resignation. Gummer took Spicer's actions extremely badly and began to regale him and myself with a litany of all the awful things that Ann Parkinson had said about Spicer. As there was nothing that

An invitation to a hanging

Ann Parkinson could say or do that would make Spicer dislike her more than he disliked John Gummer, these words fell on deaf ears. As Michael Spicer and the Parkinsons were exceptionally close friends, I was shocked that Gummer should repeat the contents of what was obviously a desperate outwas clear to me that the

purpose of repeating that conversation was to alienate Michael Spicer from the Parkinsons.

Much later, when John Major came to power, I warned him, in print, that he should not put his trust in Gummer. "He is," I wrote, "not the sort of person that you would risk going for a walk with in St James's Park, let alone the jungle." Gummer has begun to wither on the ministerial vine. Feeding his small daughter with hamburgers during a BSE scare, along with his general sanctimonious air will surely, in time, do for him.

The first evening of the conference. I gave a party as usual and Parkinson was there. He had made a good

deep sleep, and Michael Spicer, who

had been in the bath. Out through the

bathroom window we went, intend-

ing to go down the fire escape.

Coming up that fire escape, however,

was a group of hysterical Spanish

women. We managed to turn around

THE PARKINSON AFFAIR

Confessions of THATCHER'S **BAGMAN**

impression on the press. He was to speak at the conference the next day. he hall was electric with excitement; the organ tinkled: it was as if we waited for a wedding. This was going to be one of those moments that those habitues of party conferences wait for and discuss for years afterwards. Cecil made his entrance. There was polite clapping where there should have been eestatic applause. This man had, after all, devised a strategy that had won for his audience an election. The speech was of average quality, perfectly respectable and, considering the circumstances, downright brilliant. At the end the applause was at first supportive, but

seat nor continue clapping. Conservative activists took their cue from John Selwyn Gummer: his was the party line. It was not a wedding that they had waited for, but a trial and as they left they wondered at what time would be the hanging.

Again that evening I gave a party for the senior figures of the media. Cecil and Ann Parkinson came and Cecil almost enjoyed himself. I felt terribly sorry for Ann. It was getting late, so Ann took him to their room. Half an hour later,

Ann appeared in deep distress. The Times had rung through the text of Sara Keays's letter that they would publish the next day. Ann, Shirley Oxenbury and I went up to Cecil's bedroom, a small room at the back of the hotel. There followed the most extraordinary human drama that I have ever witnessed.

irst, Robin Butler came with a message from the Prime Minister. Cecil was not to worry about The Times article: they would discuss it in the morning. Earlier, Margaret Thatcher had fold Cecil that there was no need to resign, but advised him to reflect on the effect that carrying on might have on his family.

Cecil and Ann prepared for bed. Shirley Oxenbury and I offered to leave. They both insisted that we stay and, as they busied themselves changing into their night clothes, they kept up a dialogue, he express-ing his love for her and the fear that she might leave. "I love you. I could never manage without you," he kept repeating. Ann rehashed and rerehashed the problems of the day. Their small room was walled with mirrors, the images of the two of them were everywhere I looked. Robin Butler had brought whisky and pills and soon both Ann and Cecil were asleep. We had arranged to meet early the next day. By then, however, it was all over. John Cole, the BBC's political editor, had rung Cecil shortly after 5am. Unfortunately, the hotel switchboard put him straight through. Cecil had told the BBC that he would resign: That morning was frantic Michael Portillo, Cecil's PPS, looked after him as best he could. The telephone kept

ringing; the press was going mad. I was angry at what to me was a gross injustice and I was surprised at the vicious cat fight that had occurred among colleagues, the way they had set about Cecil Parkinson as though he was a wounded animal and they. the rest of the pack. The conference finished that afternoon and tomorrow was another day. Parkinson did recover his career, but it was never the same. I visited him the day he took up his post as the Secretary of State for Energy. He sat at his desk in his Millbank office. He was signing papers, I drinking champagne. "I am giving away thousands of pounds, he said. I inquired what he meant. "These are resignations from my directorships," he said, pointing at the pile of letters. Parkinson was back

on a ministerial salary.

Those who feel the

Do you pay the cleaner in guilt?

Domestic work is no more 'them and us' than any other employment

come as a surprise that the number of people in domestic employment has risen over the past five years: after all, with more and more working couples, somebody's got to keep house. Consequently — as a new survey by the GMB union shows - the total has grown by 16 per cent, going from 142,000 people in do-

mestic work to 166,000. I doubt these figures are accurate; the real numbers must be much, much higher. After all, cleaners and domestics tend to work for cash and are highly unlikely to be giving their details to the man or woman from the GMB union. But even the official figures alarm the union's leader, John Edmonds. They indicate to him that we are living in an "us and them" age. Mr Edmonds clearly

thinks domestic work is demeaning, but surely he must see that it is that very belief which insults those who clean for a living. 1 would agree that domestic workers are routinely exploited and underpaid by their employers, but from what I can gather it is cleaning work in the public sector or large institutions that is the most exploitative and underpaid.

I have in the past employed people as cleaners who have also worked in hospitals (NHS and private): there, the conditions are worse and so is the pay. Cleaners tend to be treated as a job-lot of skivvies, interchangeable and ex-pendable; their employers have little regard for them individually and indeed may not, probably don't, know their names.

Cleaning work is neces-sary work for those who do the cleaning as well as those for whom they do it. Without wishing to sound too worthy, I'd say that it is essential that such work is believe it can be respected if employing a cleaner must be a guilty secret. I would be surprised if cleaners didn't come in to clear up the offices of the GMB: does Mr Edmonds feel bad about

If he does, he would be rare among men. For the most part, men seem unperturbed about paying someone else to clean up after them (they seem pretty unperturbed about not paying someone to clear up after them, for that matter). It is women who feel ashamed about it. And I think men have got it right here: for surely we shouldn't feel embarrassed about paying someone to do a job, provided we pay them properly.

worst are probably the ones most likely to pay badly. After all, if you think there is something inherently shameful about paying someone to clean, that it is an act of slovenliness and extravagance, then the more you curb that "extravagance" the better you'll feel. If you can justify having someone in because it doesn't cost that much, or because you can congratu-late yourself on finding a

suppose it shouldn't bargain. I'm afraid it doesn't make you a very good employer.

I think most women do feel guilty about employing cleaner though, and at least it benefits the cleaner if the guilt spurs you on to pay over the going rate. (It would be better if a minimum wage existed, so that employees weren't dependent on the quirk of an employer's nature.) But the guilt itself must be annoying for the cleaner.

I have worked as a cleaner (I was a chambermaid in Italy between school and university) and I never minded the work, provided I was allowed to get on with it. Admittedly, it wasn't for life, and I don't pretend it was that or starvation -- but it was the only job I could get at the time and I was happy to do it.

Most of us, though, have an irritating habit of apologising before asking someone to clean an oven or



iron a shirt. We feel we should be doing it ourselves, or that the cleaner is thinking we're despicable slatterns for not. But I expect the cleaner would much rather we paid her properly, thanked her for her work, rather than apologised for it. It is a discourtesy, apart from anything else, to make her feel that the very employment you're asking her to undertake is an insult.

Perhaps an element of guilt is inevitable: after all, one is paying someone to do the jobs one can't bear to do oneself. And domestic employment is bound to be a sensitive area, because in the home one doesn't have the distancing, neutralising structures of office and professional life. The relationship is more intimate and the notion of giving orders or exercising authority even if neither is ever expressed as such — jars.

The reality is, of course, that cleaning work is no more "us and them" than any form of employment there is always the person who pays and the person

Evelyn Waugh had in Scoop a revolutionary who shouted at waiters in restaurants because the usual obsequies maintained the iniquities of the class system. I can't help feeling that union leaders who inveigh against those who employ domestics are behaving in much the same way.

'What was meant as an act of kindness cost a life'

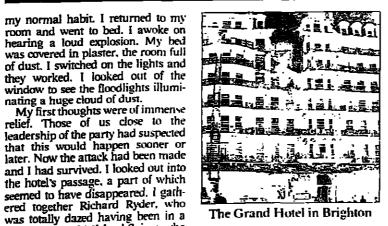
ost of the summer of 1984 I spent in Australia, returning for the party conference. I gave a party and my suite was packed with journalists and politicians, businessmen and party offici-als. It was nearly 2.30am before the party ended.

I had, when I was deputy chairman, got into the habit of going around the ground floor of the conference hotel to see that all was quiet. I set out to do this at about 2.30am. On the stairs I met Anthony Berry returning from walking his two dogs. We gossiped for a while.
In the normal course of events, Tony Berry would not have had a

room in the centre of the Grand Hotel, except for two coincidences. Tony had been involved in a charge of drink-driving. By chance, Lord King was vacating his room early as he had to return to London on business. Tony Berry was given Lord King's rooms. What was meant as an act of kindness cost Tony his life. After I had talked with Tony Berry, I decided not to go downstairs as was this stampeding herd of Spaniards

THE BRIGHTON BOMBING

the chairman did not rise from his



and sent them all in the right

direction. Out in the street, I runaround the hotel to the front. I was among the first to get there. The street was deserted except for the police. At first sight, the Grand Hotel stood there as if nothing had happened to it. Its façade was illuminated by yellow floodlights, a cloud of yellow dust hanging in the air. Then I could see that right in the centre of the hotel's tagade was a hole starting at the second floor and extending for several storeys. Out of the hotel came the most terrible cries. The sight and sounds will never leave me.

I hurried to the Metropole, a new hotel not far from the Grand. There we set up a party headquarters. Many people were of the opinion that the conference should close. Margaret Thatcher had been taken from the Grand to secure premises not far away. There had, however, been a hitch as she was leaving. First the police sent out of the hotel a double. in case there were marksmen hiding near by. A head was seen to rise over a parapet, Margaret Thatcher's departure was delayed.

Among the many problems of opening that conference on time the following morning was that most of the hierarchy of the party had nothing to wear. We had to get them clothes, and quickly, and we decided the answer was to open Marks & Spencer as early as possible. I had, with a number of other people, found my way to Edward du Cann's rather grand suite in the Metropole. I used his telephone to ring Marks & Spencer's head office.

spread the word among Brighton's taxi drivers that anyone L without clothes was to be brought to M&S. I would, I told them, settle the fares. Luckily I had a considerable amount of cash on me. Standing outside the Marks & Spencer store, I waited for the first taxis and soon they came thick and fast. Inside, clothes were found for all those who needed them. I am proud to say that they never looked smarter. The £10,000 bill was paid by Central Office. It was quite illuminating afterwards to note which members of the party and the Government asked to pay for their new clothes and which members let the matter pass.

TOMORROW

Christmas Chequers



"I don't believe my ears!"

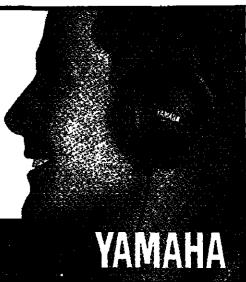
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■ What's got eight limbs, all-round vision and goes for a spin in safety?

You have to hand it to Reed Personnel Services. Quite what it is you have to hand to them, mind, must remain a matter of personal choice: some of you may wish to send them a big bunch of daffs, others may prefer to foot the bill for a major shrink, not a few may feel that the kindliest act would be to leave a Lüger on Reed's escritoire with one valedictory cartridge up the spout, but whichever each chooses, all must surely agree that, in recognition of their latest corking wheeze, the nation's top recruitment honchos deserve everything

they get.

They have already got much. They have got 1,000 new ideas for the next government. Since this is rather more than 1,000 times the number of new ideas possessed by any of the parties currently begging to form that gov-ernment, you are entitled to ask where Reed got all these new ideas from; the answer is from 38,000 Britons they recently mailed, thereby tapping a vein of amateur political inventiveness to such haemorrhage that, beside it, the professional one has been exposed as the thrombotic item it is, so clogged with clots as to betray even the most restrained hack into extended metaphors he can scarce control. And also to leave him spoilt for choice: ought I address myself to the suggestion that all MPs, before being allowed into the chamber, should be breathalysed, ought I consider the wisdom of offering free martial arts lessons to OAPs. ought I to conflate the two and envisage that joyous day when 659 drunks forced to mooth the Commons forecourt are set upon by mobs of kung-fu grannies incensed by the House's failure to — a third new idea, this provide them with free fresh fish? None of these. I plump today for a yet more radical notion, not only because it addresses what Reed identifies as a prime area of concern (roads), but also because its wondrous wackiness invites me to trump it with a new idea of my own far more likely to mitigate that concern.

The Reed-borne idea is to fit a pointed steel spike to the centre of every steering wheel, thus ensuring road safety by persuading motorists to drive everywhere very slowly, to avoid ending up en brochette. Now, knowing drivers as I do, I could conclude only that this idea must have been sent in by an undertaker, so at once began working on mine. Call it Idea 1,001. It is, admittedly, a longerterm solution than the spike, but this in no way diminishes its electoral clout, because, for the next few weeks, the idea is all that counts, and mine is unquestionably one whose time has come.

For this is a genetic time, so the solution to our gravest worry must surely be not to destroy unsafe motorists, but to create safe ones. And the reason motorists are unsafe is that man was originally designed to move at a top speed of 15mph, for which two eyes, four limbs, slow reflexes, and frangible bones were perfectly adequate; if he crashed into another man, each got up, shook himself, and trotted on. But when man invented a tin box empowering him to move at ten times his natural speed, his natural kit proved to be so unfitted to cope with this that he began killing himself and his kind in umpteen new ways. Man, it turned out, was not made right. The solution, therefore, lies

Or will. His genes must be tinkered with. Man needs three limbs for the pedals, two for the wheel, one for the gearstick, one for the car-phone, and one to lash out at offspring distracting him from behind. He also needs eyes both in the back of his head and on either side of it, a body able to be hurled through the air without injury, and reflexes keyed to split-second evasive action, in any direction. Also, it wouldn't hurt if, on top of all this, he had a mouth programmed to snap up any intruding fly dumb enough to buzz hazardously across his vision.

Yes, you have twigged. I am talking about the arachnoid gene: rush the Spider Bill through on May 2, and within a generation, only those able to show the examiner they can read eight number-plates simultaneously and run up the MoT wall will be granted a licence. As to which party will triumph with this little winner, who can say, but Reed's think-tank must be delighted that, for once, Lord Sutch is in there with a chance.



A FRESH LOOK AT YOUTH CRIME

Two faces of Englishness

wo men of my acquaintance were laid to rest last week. Family and friends gathered at the respective churches. Eulogies were delivered on happy lives and successful careers. England bade farewell to its sons with due ceremony.

The two could not have been less alike.

One was a Cavalier, the other a Roundhead, one an Anglican, the other a Dissenter, one a Tory, the other never. Drape the one in a Union Jack and he would cheer; the other would groan. Both would term themselves middleclass, but the contrast between them was almost Disraelian, "inhabitants of different planets, formed by different breeding, fed by different food, ordered by different manners". Yet both were English, indeed together they were the warp and woof of Englishness. One was Sir Joshua Rowley Bt, late Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk. The other was Christopher Driver, late of The Guardian.

Sir Joshua was the 7th Baronet, of Tendring in the county of Suffolk. He began his career at Eton, Cambridge and the Grenadiers. His rubicund face and jovial smile used to beam down the dinner tables of Suffolk, down which Rowleys had beamed since the 18th century. Though descended from admirals, Rowley followed his father into the Guards. He served in Africa and Italy and was captured by the Germans. After the Army, he married a viscount's daughter and settled down as squire. farmer and county grandee. Suffolk landscape was his life and his love, low hills and wide valleys, hedges and spinneys, guns and dogs, half-timbering, claret and Constable. Rowley worked with (squires do not work for) the National Trust, and rose to be chairman of Suffolk County Council. He had an East Anglian's care for money. but was no philistine. He collected books

an easy charm. The family once shared with Poleys. Bacons and Greenes a suzerainty over southern Suffolk. They formed the refrain to "Froggie would a wooing go", an otherwise obscure reference to the four families as "Rowley, Poley, Gam-mon and Spinach". The Rowley seat was Tendring Hall at Stoke-by-Nayland, built by John Soane in 1784 for a Rowley ancestor. The house decayed and was sadly demolished in the 1960s. Sir Joshua regreted its demolition and committed himself through the National Trust to saving such houses in future.

and pictures and wore his culture with

However different, the squire and the sybarite were both defenders of excellence

He held onto the Tendring land with its sumptuous views over Dedham Vale. Restoring Stoke church was a life's work and he was buried last week in the shadow of its great tower. A grave could ask for no finer guardian.

In days when local government was as proud a service in England as it still is in the rest of Europe, Rowley ran Suffolk. To him, politics was the ordering of land, service to parish and county, and to the Crown through the lord-lieutenancy. London for Rowley was Purdey's. Pratt's and the MCC. Parliament was for younger sons, tradesmen and oddballs. Real men ran counties.

This was the politics that the Thatcher-Conservative Party has torn apart. were sent to tell Sir Joshua Rowley and his successors that they could not be trusted to fix so much as a penny rate. Mr Gummer

knew better than a Rowley what was good for Suffolk. Rowley's face on this subject was pure Colonel Blimp. The smile froze, the eyes bulged, the red of the cheeks darkened and the veins appeared ready to burst.

owley was a conservative but not a pessimist. He was sure that Suffolk would survive the assaults of London politicians as the National Trust would survive its "confounded bureaucrats". But conserving Suffolk was a perpetual battle. It needed the commitment of those who knew buildings and land, who felt an obligation to those who worked them. It needed local autonomy, money and a fear of God. Above all it needed people like Rowley.

I wonder how Christopher Driver would have described Rowley. Driver was the son of a Nonconformist doctormissionary in south India. His parents had money enough to see him through a similar educational mill to Rowley's. He went to the Dragon School, was head boy of Rugby and read Greats at Christ Church. Yet as Cambridge could not

divert Rowley from his paternal course, nor could Oxford divert Driver. Not for him the Grenadiers but, as a conscientious objector, the Friends Ambulance Service, followed by the news desk of the Liverpool Daily Post. Not for him the deputy secretaryship of the National Trust, but the editorship of The Good Food Guide. Driver was, as Bill Webb recalled in last week's Guardian, "a Christian with mandarin tastes, a

serious sybarite and a bit of a snob". I venture that only an English reader could fully appreciate the nuance of epi-thets applied half-admiringly to Driver that would be offensive applied to Row-

ley. The gulf is not cul-tural, and is only partly social. No war, politics, business or profession was likely to bring Rowley's rural Toryism would have been anathema to Driver's urban radicalism, and vice versa. Driver's career began with that

colonial service of left-wing journalism. a sojourn on a northern newspaper. But he soon returned to his natural habitat in Highgate, where his family played quartets and worshipped at what is now the United Reformed Church. The nearest he came to business was maintaining his father's antiquarian bookshop in Dorset.

The apex of Driver's career was his controversial editorship of The Good Food Guide in 1970-82. He was chosen by his predecessor, Raymond Postgate, as much for his radicalism and classical education as for any culinary skill. The Guide was a "herbivore" reaction to the awfulness of British cooking in the 1950s. It savaged bad food camouflaged by flashy presentation, and was duly etested by big hotels and haute cuisine. I once dined with Driver at the new Inigo Jones restaurant, surrounded by stained glass and piped Mozart. He sat bearded in his tweed jacket and red tie at a side table to which his appearance had consigned him. He spent the meal wrestling with an imperious waiter who constantly tried to remove his bread roll. if Sir Joshua Rowley's food was the

roast beef of old England, albeit served with a noble Pomerol, Driver's was steamed brill and mangetout. His fall-back was chicken koorma with saffron nan: he lauded the Chinese and Indians for bolstering English catering through its darkest post-war years. But when the Young Turks of the bistros graduated to smart restaurants in the 1970s, Driver was attacked as a killjoy. He gave not an inch, deriding his critics as "a branch of showbusiness". Eventually, The Guardian claimed him back, to bring a unique elegance to writing about food. His book The British at Table 1940-1980 is a masterpiece of sardonic prose.

river's town pursuits were as varied as Rowley's country ones. He wrote on the Free Churches, Schubert, universities, CND and poetry. Some Englishmen wear incorruptibility on their sleeves. Driver would have been a preacher in Cromwell's New Model Army, had he not been a pacifist. That his integrity was dedicated to, of all things, nt cooking may seem eccer But like the best intellectuals, Driver was "silent in seven languages". He would have murmured as he perused another menu, "God is in the details".

Perhaps I can find here a final meeting of the ways. In my last conversation with Rowley, I recall his fixation with "getting the countryside right". This was not a matter of balancing subsidies, of conceding a housing estate here or a bypass there. Rural England required faith, and faith without shortcuts. If Dedham Vale could not sustain a way of life, it would simply be "The Constable Experience". Social and natural ecology were indivisible. The landscape would not conserve itself. To Sir

Joshua, this was today's noblesse oblige. Rowley would have cried Amen to Driver's Times obituary. It recalled his acerbity towards all who wrote a sloppy word or served a heavy sauce. "He was not inclined to reassure those who betrayed their calling by letting standards slip," it said. For him, standards were equally a well-judged soufflé or a wellturned paragraph, as for Rowley they were a well-laid hedge or a well-timed royal visit. For both men, attention to detail was a token of excellence. In their divergent walks of life, both saw that excellence threatened and desperately short of defence.

As of last week, the ranks of the defenders are depleted by two.

A united states of the euro?

America's founders

show the way, says Gary L. McDowell

alcolm Rifkind's speech in Paris this week laid bare the deepest issue in the debate over EU and the push for monetary union: Britain's continued independence and the future of the nation-state. No doubt his speech will do little to quiet the snarling and snapping, but he at least has history on his side, as even the most cursory glance at the original American debate over lederalism reveals.

Many of the questions now being raised in Britain were at issue during the creation of the United States Constitution in 1787-88. The concerns that led the Americans to draft their new Constitution, like those that have led Europe towards greater integration, were economics and trade. The sovereignty of the federated states under the Articles of Confederation (America's first Constitution) was not conducive to the kind of cooperation that a union of states has to have to encourage commerce. To remedy this, the states resolved to meet and reach agreements on how best to unite in order better to serve their common interests. As various efforts failed to produce the needed agreements, they were eventually driven to what became the Constitutional Convention of 1787, at which more far-reaching decisions were taken and the nature of the confedera-

tion was drastically changed.

A key element of this transformation dealt with the power to coin money, regulate its value, and to establish the value of foreign currency. The American founders understood, as the great jurist Blackstone had said, that the "coining of money is in all states the act of the sovereign power". Under the Articles of Confederation, the states had held with the central authority a concurrent power to coin money. The failure to give the national authority complete power in this area was deemed by many, as James Madison put it, "a material omission" in that early Constitution.

In the US Constitution ultimately ratified in 1788, this problem was addressed in two provisions. The first empowered the newly created Congress to exercise the power "to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin". At the same time, this new and strongly national document unambiguously prohibited such powers from being exer-cised by the several states: "No state shall ... coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts." State 4 sovereignty would never be the same.

The logic that had led to this was powerful and ultimately convincing. The great objectives sought by the conration could not be act its existing, decentralised forms of governance. There had to be something beyond the sum of the parts, and that had to be a true government with power sufficient to make the several constituent states abide by the decisions made at the national level. Part of the reason the early Americans moved in this direction was that the states had not conducted themselves well. There had been a plethora of noxious legislation at the state level, ranging from the abolition of 🗘 debts to what the founders derided as the "rage for paper money". The result had been laws detrimental to the rights of property and of individuals. If the young commercial republic was to succeed and prosper, the old confederation simply had to give way.

arallels are tricky, often appearing to be more apposite than they are. But one cannot help noticing in the American experience traces of theoretical concerns that are much the same in the current debate over European monetary union and whether Britain should take part. On the one hand, it is not unreasonable to suggest that a single currency would greatly facilitate trade within a market that is truly common. But on the other hand, it is equally clear that the power to coin money is an essential part of sovereignty, and to cede so fundamental a power would indeed strike at the very heart of British independence. Those who doubt the soundness of a single currency for that reason may well find in the American experience lessons that suggest even greater caution.

This is because the deepest lesson to be drawn from America's founding debates goes beyond the particular concerns such as the power to coin money. What the creation of the American republic shows is that confederations () rarely work. The most theoretically sophisticated of those early Americans was Madison, who prepared for the Constitutional Convention by steeping himself in the histories of previous confederacies. His conclusion was that the centrifugal pull of member states is almost always too strong, and that there was rarely to be found anything beyond the sum of the parts. The ultimate solution to the vices of the confederal form was to transcend it and move towards a more convolidated national government.

If Madison was right, if there is al-ways a deficiency to be found in confederations, then the implications for the debate in Britain over a single currency are even more profound, because there will be a gradual movement towards greater integration at the expense of the swereignty of the member nations. This will all be done in the name of expediency, arguing that such a movement is nothing more than the drawing out of the implications of the original agreement. Such clear examples of the diminution of sovereignty as monetary union will, if undertaken, be looked back upon as the first step towards •H•S confederation for purposes of trade. something very different from a mere

Billy boy

PRESIDENT Clinton should have mirth, and dabbing tissues at tearthought twice the other night before he went to see the musical Chicago at a New York theatre with his wife. Not only is the show of a raunchy nature, with plenty of bosomy showgirls and frolicksome dance routines, but one of the songs, delivered by doe-eyed beauties in garters and bustiers, runs "We want Billy - give us Billy!" At this, all eyes in the theatre turned to Clinton, who very obviously started to stroke Hillary's arm.

Moments later, a character on stage gave a line which talked about what women of dubious morals will "touch for a deuce". Someone at the back of the auditorium shouted "Paula Jones!" -- the woman suing Clinton for alleged gross indecency some years ago which caused a ripple of giggles. The President, fast becoming embarrassed, kissed Mrs Clinton on

When it came to another line in the show which runs "whatever happened to pure ethics?", fellow audience members were in the desperate stages of laughter-control, stuffing hankies in their mouths, holding their noses against the pressure of rising

dampened eyes.

Even the chorus girls were

having a hard time not corpsing. It may be some time before the Clintons risk another trip to a Broadway show.

 Pre-election tension is mounting at Referendum Party headquarters in Horseferry Road. where the managing director, Malcolm Glenn, has confiscated



"To turn me Tory they'd have to marry off Ted Heath"

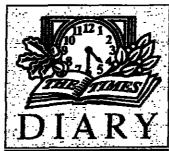
the staff-room television. It was meant to be used for watching the news, but Glenn snapped when he his troops lounging around, gripped by a programme about the fathers of prostitutes.

Early fears

POLITICAL documentary-maker Michael Cockerell has a new hero. Preparing to lecture at the National Film Theatre tomorrow about politics and broadcasting over the century, Cockerell came across Cecil Hepworth, who arranged the first "kinematograph interviews" with leading politicians, back in the First World War.

In 1916, he was planning to film a meeting of Lloyd George's Cabinet, but when the story leaked out, his arrangements had to be can-celled. He wrote: "The Cabinet feared ridicule: how the people of a few years hence will laugh at the dignity which was afraid of being sullied by contact with the 'kinematograph'." Cockerell knows exactly what he meant.

■ There were sharp words yesterday when the Foreign Secretary met the Burmese Ambassador to London, U Win Aung. Malcolm Rifkind had been reluctant to meet a representative of the State Law and Order Restoration Council. the fiendishly anti-demo-



cratic military junta running Bur-ma. "Good luck in your elections Mr Rifkind," said Ú Win Aung as he left. "And good luck in your elections," said Rifkind, "if you ever decide to hold them." U Win Aung, you lose some.

Keep moving

NUDE dancers brightened up the English National Opera's terrific new production of Gluck's Orfeus and Eurydice (at under an hour and a half it is ideal for those who regard opera as an inconvenience between drinks and dinner). Tastefully choreographed by the American Martha Clark, the dan-cers, who also perform clothed. strip off as Orpheus roves through the Elysian fields in search of his dead lover.

Sadly, they declined to pose for publicity photographs. "They felt

it was one thing to dance naked for artistic reasons appropriate to the scene," explained a spokesman, but quite another to do it for still photographs which might end up who knows where."

Seating plan FOR all their dark reputation, the

Tory whips have a soft, giving side, as they showed yesterday when they found some spare tickets for the party of Ben Chapman, the new Labour MP for Wirral South, who arrived to take his seat. Ten members of the family and friends came to see Chapman installed, and the Labour whips did not have enough tickets for them all to sit in the Strangers' Gallery. Labour's men approached Murdo Maclean, the private secretary to Alastair Goodlad, the Tory chief whip, who rustled up two spare tickets, despite the drubbing Chapman gave the Conserva-tives last week. "We would have done the same." says an ungrateful Labour whip.

Yapping

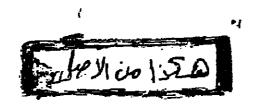
ONE of Governor Chris Patten's two Norfolk terriers has had a close escape from Hong Kong's "Bowen Road dog poisoner". Writing to the South China Morning

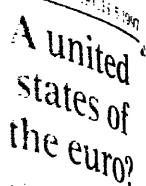


Lavender with half a drink

Post, Patten's wife Lavender recounts how she was walking the dogs, Whisky and Soda, along a popular trail when Whisky snapped up a piece of chicken. It was later found to be soaked in an in-secticide-style poison.

Whisky survived, writes Mrs Patten, but other pets have not been so lucky. She suggests owners muzzle their pets, urges pass ers-by to watch for any suspicious behaviour in the area, and concludes: "Who knows, one day a child may be affected."





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JOHN AND BRIAN

The Tories need to become the party of one message

Another day, another relaunch. John Major's decision to face a phone-in programme on Radio 5 Live was doubtless designed to seize the initiative. As so often in the past, he offered a solid performance but was obliged to excuse the latest embarrassment caused by his colleagues. Stephen Dorrell's indiscretion has been read as a reflection of his own ambition to lead the Tories. If so, Mr Major should take some comfort: it means that the occupant of Number Ten is currently heading only the second most improbable campaign in British politics.

With, at most, eight weeks until election day arrives there are clear limits on what the Conservatives can do to alter their fate. The imprint of 18 years in power is not one that spin-doctors can eradicate. No seismic shift in the personality or leadership style of the Prime Minister can be credibly created. Nor, in truth, could policy positions be dramatically recrafted. Even on Europe and the single currency, where party strategists rightly yearn to take a much tougher line than the Chancellor will permit, a sudden change at this stage is extremely unlikely and would reek of insincerity if it came.

The Conservatives' best hope lies in linking their two strongest cards: the state of the economy and public uncertainty about new Labour. They can still argue that better times would be badly threatened by a change of government. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, despite a prolonged and laudable effort on their part, have not yet convinced voters that the economy is safe in their hands. The same polls that show the Tories trailing by 20 points also reveal real fears of higher taxes, spending and interest rates if Labour win. The latest Conservative poster blitz - "Tony and Bill" - may be so crude as to undermine its own effectiveness. But it is located in the right territory.

If the coming contest is solely centred on the question of who can best protect the prosperity Britain has recently enjoyed. therein lies the Tories' one slim chance. Almost any discussion of different issues is a distraction that will ultimately benefit Mr Blair. The whole Cabinet has to stick to that single script without deviation. Labour will doubtless claim with indignation that this constitutes the most negative approach in political history. All that matters for Mr Major is that it might be effective.

That message itself is more important than the messengers. Nevertheless, prospects would be improved if the Prime Minister stood squarely and publicly behind his party chairman. The purported election roles of Lord Cranborne, Sarah Hogg and Jonathan Hill has allowed, perhaps unfairly, an unflattering comparison with the famously factional 1987 campaign to develop. The position of Michael Heseltine as the main media frontman adds a further element of uncertainty. The 35-year-old William Hague would be better placed than the Deputy Prime Minister to dispute the Labour charge that it is time for a change.

Brian Mawhinney may well lack warmth and personal charm. But the staff he has selected at Smith Square are strikingly superior to those of five years ago. His party conference last year was an unexpected success. The "New Labour, New Danger" advertising effort may have been controversial but it was also distinctive. Government performance, not party presentation, has been the problem that persistently handicaps the Conservatives. Mr Major has already been through three Central Office supremos in this Parliament. He should strive to reinforce the current one.

There is no point in Conservatives wishing for a campaign that will not happen. Like it or not, their record. leader, and core policies are all fixed. The search for some extra magic element will add only confusion not clarity. Instead the party of One Nation needs to become the party of one message. Conservative Central Office has operated on that principle for some time. If ministers cannot, or will not, manage that then they might as well go back to their constituencies and prepare for opposition.

ALBANIA'S PRESS

Freedom of speech must be restored — and fast

One of the most important indications that Sali Berisha was leading Albania towards a more open and democratic society was his tolerance of a pluralist press. And one of the most depressing aspects of his response to the turmoil now engulfing the country was his immediate censorship of all news media, the blackout in the transmission of satellite television pictures from Tirana and the ban on foreign journalists travelling outside the capital. The authoritarian response, learnt during 45 years of isolation and dictatorship, cast doubt on President Berisha's commitment to press freedom and pluralist democracy, which are the foundations of all the European political, military and economic organisations Albania aspires to join.

The immediate outcry in the West appears to have forced the Albanians to think again. The Foreign Ministry now says that the press restrictions, promulgated in the state of emergency, do not apply to foreign news organisations. Television pictures may again be broadcast from Albania. The heavy-handed turning back of journalists at police blocks on roads leading out of Tirana has been replaced with official "advice" that travel in the south was unsafe.

There has been no let-up, however, in the restrictions on local media. Indeed, the most sinister development has been the increasing intimidation, not only of the press but of all opposition activists. Behaving with the same ruthlessness that made Enver Hoxha's secret police among the most hated in any dictatorship, Shik plainclothes thugs have been threatening foreign and domestic journalists, smashing their cars and inciting

crowds to turn on those suspected of reporting the violence. Under the cover of darkness and curfew, Shik agents have set fire to newspaper buildings. No wonder more than half the population now listen to the BBC to try to find out what is going on.

The Albanian Government accuses foreign journalists of inciting violence. To impute such a motive betrays a feeble grasp of impartial reporting, a concept that had no meaning in Albania's postwar history and is, clearly, still deeply suspect, especially to Mr Berisha. It is not likely to become clearer to him now. Violence has fed on the attention it has drawn to the protesters' grievances, he must . Former Communists, opportunists and criminals have taken advantage of the popular anger, and copycat looting and burning has quickly led to anarchy. Ancient tribal enmities between the Tosks in the north, where Mr Berisha draws his support. and the Ghegs in the south, where Hoxha came from, are also now a factor.

Mr Berisha is still the elected leader. although his wooden, surreal re-election on Monday by parliamentary acclaim had all the pretence of an old-style dictatorship. The ultimatum to the rioters and armed gangs now roaming the south to hand over their weapons is justified, though hopes of restraint by the police and army are probably not. The cost of the upheaval is already incalculable, and Albania's fumbling attempts to escape grinding poverty will be set back years. Democracy is staggering in Europe's poorest country. If it is not to be stifled altogether, free voices must be restored to print and the airwaves.

MURDER MOST LITERARY

The Times helps to teach the tricks of a noble trade

It was a dark and stormy night: just as the oldest and best thrillers start. Nevertheless, last night hundreds turned out for a debate on the art of literary murder. They could easily have stayed at home beside the fire. snatching at the pages to find out how a down-and-out dosser came to starve to death in the wealthy architect's garage, although there was plenty of food within reach. Instead, they chose to brave the storms for The Times/Dillons forum on the subtle art of

contemporary crime writing. Why? Partly they represented the modern hunger for live and public enetertainment instead of the broadcast and private kind. Some were attracted by the celebrity of the speakers. Colin Dexter is the eagle of the trade, broadcast far beyond the reading public by his Inspector Morse on television. Minette Walters is the eaglet, whose psychodrama about the case of the hungry tramp stands fourth on the bestseller list. But a number came to learn how to do the trick themselves. Write-it-yourself courses are now extremely popular, and a useful extra source of income for those who have proved publicly that they can write and, better still, get themselves published.

Ever since Sherlock Holmes, Englishmen have been born with a detective story fixed to their umbilical cords. Ever since Miss Marple, Englishwomen have been even better at the native genre. And crime writing should be easier to teach than other sorts. . Much crime writing is formulaic. Readers like it that way, as familiar as old slippers They want their surprises in the plot, not in the manner or the mannerism of the writing

One virtue of the detective story is that it is a comfortable solace, a sort of mental knitting where it does not matter much if you drop a stitch. The readers of a mystery story want to get to the end of it, to find our what happened to the dosser. The readers of a Dickens or Henry James story wish that it might never end. They read a Dickens or James story six times because they know it so well. They read a detective story six times

because they can forget its ending six times. Of course, crime writing comes in many covers, from the old-fashioned detective story, with a body in the garage and a solution, to the thud and blunder of American cops and the nightmare shores of Rendellian psychosis. But crime writing has to be professional and well-crafted. The field is crowded. The best thrillers perform the honourable old function of keeping the pages turning. The crime story is an extension of the fairytale and the older myth. It is melodrama so camouflaged as to create the illusion that the story being told, however improbable, could be true. Some tricks can be taught. Perhaps Minette Walters and Colin Dexter brought on some new talent last night. The new crime writers will also need lively imaginations and considerable skill with words, never forgetting the doggedness to apply bottom to chair until the daily quota is written.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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taken to task

From Baroness Falkender

Sir, May I comment upon the extract about myself from Alastair Mc-Alpine's "knock-about" memoirs, which appears in The Times today.

At no time in 1979, or before or since, have I asked to see senior Tory advisers to offer them advice. I have never asked to see advisers to any political leader of any party to offer advice. That is not what happened.

I simply accepted an invitation from Lord Hanson to have drinks at the home of two of his closest friends and colleagues - who were my friends too. Political advisers often receive invitations in this way. Harold Wilson, for whom I was still working, strongly urged me to accept since he always hoped that more might be learned then and later about the background to the very nasty stories circulating at that time, culminating in the Spycatcher outpourings and continued to this day. On that particular occasion there were exchanges about those stories in particular as well as the political scene in general.

My views were in any case well known at the time. I was involved in a series of articles for the London Evening News during the election period, so what I thought was public know-

The Labour Party did not refuse to pay my salary in 1974. They had never paid my salary at any time, either then, before, or after. They were never asked to do so, and had they offered the offer would have been refused.

It is no revelation that I "was very taken with the idea of having a woman prime minister". It was public knowledge at that time from articles, interviews, and elsewhere that I found the idea very interesting indeed. A large number of women, both in the Labour Party and elsewhere shared that interest. Indeed, more recently Mr Blair himself has gone further and expressed qualified admiration for Margaret Thatcher. In 1975, only two of Harold Wilson's immediate circle. namely Peter Shore and myself, had felt that it would be difficult if not impossible for Labour to win against a woman Prime Minister. We were right. And that was without the Winter of Discontent and a badly chosen election date.

As to my alleged "contempt ... for the people who ran the Labour Party", referred to by Alastair, it was not "incredible". It was non-existent. I have often been saddened and disillusioned by the disloyalty and desertion in polities -- on all sides -- but contempuous never, for that is a bi healthy characteristic and politics is a

Alastair is a very intelligent, funny and gregarious fellow, with many friends and admirers, and it is always interesting and enjoyable to be in his company. I have known him since he first visited Downing Street during the 1974-70 period, when he even halfjokingly suggested, after meeting Harold Wilson, that he felt he, Alastair, ought to join Labour. But like us all, he has now in his dotage, unaware of the agendas of others, taken to living in his own private bubble where perhaps all is not exactly as he perceived it to be.

Cours sincerely. MARCIA FALKENDER. 3 Wyndham Mews. Upper Montagu Street, W1.

No joking matter

From Dr Ioan Bowen Rees

Sir, In my days at school and university in England the Welsh were heroworshipped for their superior state education, their classlessness, their progressive politics, their singing and

It strikes me that the decision described by Jan Morris (letter, St. David's Day) dates largely from the time, some 18 years ago, when the Welsh voted against having their own elected assembly. A nation which lacks the backbone for a democratic forum of its own is bound to become a

laughing stock amongst yobs. Later this year, we shall probably have an opportunity to redeem ourselves in another referendum. This time let us bear in mind that thousands of the English refugees who have managed to escape to a more community-minded Wales will be helping to stiffen our democratic re-

Yours laithfully. JOAN BOWEN REES. Tal-Sarn, Llantlechid, Bangor, Cowyneild. March 2

Joe Orton papers

From Mr John Nye

Sir. Have the Orion family considered photocopeing the playwright's papers Diary, March IP Leicester and an American university might then both be able to benefit.

This thought first occurred to me at the time our lottery gave so much to the Churchilt family for papers, the value of which to scholars is surely inthe content

Yours Enthfully. JOHN MI. 20 Court Road. Tumbridge Wells, Kent.

McAlpine memoir Politics of hope: personal liberty v traditional morality

From Professor David Conway

Sir, In the extracts which you published last week from his book, The Politics of Hope (February 22-25), Rabbi Jonathan Sacks contends that much of the sorry state of civic life in Britain today can be attributed to the displacement of traditional Judaeo-Christian morality by the abstract sec-ular individualism brought into prominence by the Enlightenment. A more secure and convivial social order, he argues, would follow the reinstatement of these values at the

heart of public life and morality. Not so, argues Rabbi David Goldberg (letter, February 27): The Judaeo-Christian tradition was hardly an all-embracing value system. Its ideal form of government was a theocracy. Prin-ciples we take for granted, like democracy. freedom of belief, equality of the sexes, are a result of the Enlightenment, not the Judaeo-

Christian tradition. One can understand such an objection being advanced by a secularist. When voiced by someone professing to stand within the tradition, they are truly astonishing. How can any self-professed Jew or Christian, let alone a rabbi (however liberal), take excep-tion to theocracy as a political ideal? Every week on the Sabbath, when

putting away the scrolls of the Pentateuch after reading from them their weekly portion, Jews throughout the world call upon God to "return unto the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel" and "renew our days as of old". What is this but a plea for God to send his promised messiah, or anointed, to restore the Israelite theocracy and thereby usher in an age of everlasting peace and justice?

Yours sincerely, DAVID CONWAY (Head of School of Philosophy nd Religious Studies), Middlesex University. White Hart Lane, Ni7.

From Mr David Selbourne

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Dr Sacks's road to Salem", March 1) accuses the Chief Rabbi of "moral hysteria" for his observations on our civic condition. Yet he himself employs the most fevered of images and the most violent of terms with which to denounce Dr Sacks for his (rather anodyne) moral

For all Jenkins's bluster, no civic order can rest upon a notion of liberty which, in the name of protecting beggar-my-neighbour ideal of personal self-realisation through unimpeded freedom of action.

"democracy" from "moral totalitar-ianism", offers little more than a

We certainly do not want the peddling of vacuous moral politics in personal crusades and the rest of it. which have more to do with self-promotion and the search for honour than any worthier motive. But we equally do not want the amorality which suggests that every general moral principle is, almost by definition, "authoritarian" and the individual who espouses it a "fundamentalist" or "totalitarian".

By Jenkins's route we come not to witches' trials in Salem but to that state of nature described by Hobbes in which "every man has a right to all things [and] to do whatever he listeth to whom he listeth". We cannot have a moral free-for-all, disguised as "freedom", and a civic society together.

Yours faithfully, DAVID SELBOURNE, United Oxford & Cambridge University Club, 71 Pall Mall, SWI. March 2.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Jonathan Sacks's "politics of hope" is full of good intentions but also full of bad arguments. As Simon Jenkins points out today, virtually all his factual and theoretical claims are open to obvious objections.

It is especially futile to attempt the rehabilitation of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, when its origins are so dubious and its effects so ambiguous, and when so many of our most precious values (humanity, rationality and secularity, liberty, equality and fraternity; reciprocity, democracy and solidarity) arose before or outside or after

It is also ultimately fatuous to devalue the Enlightenment and secular humanism, when they share so many of Jonathan Sacks's own aims and provide so much surer bases for them. As he said himself (February 21) he worked with Hugo Gryn in spite of rather than because of their religion. for the sake of their common humanity". That is our best hope.

Yours etc. NICOLAS WALTER. Rationalist Press Association, 88 Islington High Street, NI.

From the Chancellor

of Lincoln Cathedral

Sir, Simon Jenkins's polemic against Dr Sacks polarises where there is no need. The Chief Rabbi's commitment to the power of social and religious institutions need not be at odds with democracy: nor need Simon Jenkins's concern for individual freedoms be at odds with the renewal of those institutions and communities.

Caricatures of the Enlightenment usually lie behind such false alterna-tives. The authority it gave to individual moral reasoning is either pilloried as the precursor to all modern ills of moral anarchy and social fragmentation — or else it is lauded as the great liberator from social and religious op-

pression. The debate also feeds on the fear these false polarities evoke. We are either heading inexorably towards total post-modern disintegration — or we are being pulled back to some form of social, moral or even religious au-

thoritarianism. There is no doubt the debate itself is important, and I trust The Times will keep it high on its agenda. But we must keep our balance within it. We badly need a renewal of our Judaeo-Christian moral and social inheritance: but we also need its interaction with the best fruits of the Enlighten-

ment legacy. Our current social and political malaise is serious enough to merit sharp judgment. But false polemic merely makes matters worse.

Yours faithfully, VERNON WHITE, Chancellor of Lincoln Cathedral. The Chancery. II Minster Yard, Lincoln.

From Ms Judith Da Fano

Sir, In the interest of making life more liberal, perhaps Dr David Goldberg, Senior Rabbi of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue (letter, February 27), could try to do a very small thing which might produce a great change for Jewish women: stop men thanking God every day in their prayers that they are born men.

Yours faithfully, JUDITH DA FANO (Grand-daughter of a former Chief Rabbi of Milan). Laburnum House, Main Street, Milnthorpe, Cumbria. February 27.

A ban on Burma

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and others

Sir. According to the British Foreign Secretary. Malcolm Rifkind, discussions at the Asia-Europe ministerial meeting in Singapore on February 15 reflected the seriousness" of the deteriorating human-rights situation in

Why then does the international community, the EU included, fail to take even limited punitive action against Burma's ruling military dictatorship?

Burma looks set to enjoy a welcome into the Association of South East Asjan Nations this year, whilst the EU appears to be dragging its heels over the Commission's recommendation on December 18 that it withdraw preferential market access for Burmese industrial goods because of Burma's

systematic use of forced labour, including child labour.

eign ministers was expected at the General Affairs Council meeting on February 24. The vote has now been postponed until March 24 at the earliest. Withdrawal of trade privileges is a

vital first step, for which there can be no acceptable delay. We urge the EU to send this clear message to Burma's ruling generals on the need for urgent

BILL JORDAN (General Secretary, ICFTU). GLENYS KINNOCK. DENIS MacSHANE, YVETTE MAHON

The Burma Action Group UK, Collins Studios, Collins Yard, Islington Green, NI. February 26.

Financing litigation From Mr Rhory Robertson

Sir. Anthony Scrivener's condemna-tion of the Daily Mail for labelling three young men as the murderers o Stephen Lawrence (Law, February 25) concludes with the interesting but unlawful proposition that if newspapers are really concerned with justice they should assist the relatives of the murder victim to start civil proceedings for damages.

It is still part of our common law that, save in exceptional circumstances, a third party may not give financial assistance to a litigant where that party has no legitimate interest in the proceedings. It would be hard, if not impossible, for a newspaper to claim that financing civil proceedings on behalf of the Lawrence family amounted

to a legitimate interest. Litigation for most of us is very expensive. It is beyond the means of

many people who do not qualify for legal aid, leaving a huge number of people who are denied access to jus-

The Law Society has not conducted research on these disenfranchised litigants. It should do so. Surely today there are no good reasons why a litigant is prevented from coming to an arrangements with a third party to assist in the financing of litigation. Indeed many of us are in favour of promoting a scheme whereby the investor takes a share of the damages. If all parties are properly and independently advised, why shouldn't this be al-lowed? It would at least give an opportunity of justice to those who presently cannot afford it.

Yours sincerely RHORY ROBERTSON (Solicitor). Swepstone Walsh. 9 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2. February 28.

Televised theatre

From the Head of the Theatre Museum

Sir, The recording of live theatre performances for broadcast on television. either in front of an audience or in a studio, is an issue raised in two recent articles: James Christopher's "Performing small miracles" (Arts, February 24) and today's excellent interview with Sam Mendes by Valerie Grove.

Valerie Grove also referred to recordings made in the US for posterity (actually for the Theater on Film & Tape at the New York Public Library. not for the Museum of Modern Art). Britain's National Video Archive of Stage Performance, established by the Theatre Museum in 1993, has a similar aim of preserving the best of drama, dance and opera and has already recorded over 60 productions

for research and educational use. James Christopher, on watching the BBC2's Company, taped at the Don-

mar, feels that recording theatre for television "merely reminds you how artificial theatre is". This may be because he was watching a hybrid creature - recorded over two nights in front of an invited audience, using six cameras and radio microphones. However, we believe that by using acoustic microphones and fewer cameras concealed among an audience visible, audible and whose response clearly affects the pace and intensity of a performance - the Theatre Museum more authentically reflects the original theatrical event. Of course, we are not recording for television.

Yours faithfully. MARGARET BENTON. Head, Theatre Museum, le Tavistock Street, WC2. February 28.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Bishop's moves From the Reverend Andrew de Berry

Sir, Is it not ironic that the day after the Bishop of Birmingham publicly urged a black woman priest, the Reverend Eve Pitts, to quit her post as vicar, he announces his engagement to be married to a divorcée (reports.

March 3 and 4)? In choosing to marry a divorce the bishop is involving himself in an action which, were he contemplating entering the Church as an ordinand, would until recently have debarred him from admission to holy orders. Yet he requests the resignation of Mrs Pitts, despite having acknowledged her as "a talented pastor".

Yours respectfully, ANDREW de BERRY. The Vicarage, Southwell Road, Thurgarton, Nottinghamshire.

Flying tackle

From Mr William Wright

Sir, The Reverend Julian Sullivan offers the peregrine as a more suitable bird name for Asda's rival to the Penguin biscuit (letter, March 3).

I feel sure that Penguin's lawyers would feel that the cuckoo's behaviour make it a far more appropriate beast.

Yours faithfully, BILL WRIGHT. 5 Annington Road, East Finchley, N2.

Fighting days

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, It was a brilliant journalistic coup on your part to report yesterday the fight between two Eton boys, which was conducted over 60 rounds and lasted two hours while the contestants and the many Etonians who watched them drank large quantities of brandy; the proceedings ending only when the smaller of the two contestants, aged 15, dropped down dead.

It was no less of a coup to report the events which took place at the same time, when a Harrow tradesman sought protection from magistrates from 150 boys of Harrow School, who had already demolished part of his home and threatened to murder him and his son because he had complained to the headmaster.

It is true that these happenings occurred 172 years ago, but ought you to have tucked them away in small print under the heading "On This Day?" Ought they not to have been given suitable prominence alongside the latest pronouncement on law and order by Mr Michael Howard or his Dolly-like clone, Mr Jack Straw?

Yours faithfully, PATRICK HOWARTH, Flat 2, Pencarrow. The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 4: The Queen held an investi-ture at Buckingham Palace this

morrung.
The Ri Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her

Majesty this evening.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

March 4: The Prince Edward.

Trustee, this morning held a Meeting of the Trustees' Working Committee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation at Bucking. International Foundation at Bucking-

ham Palace.
March 4: The Princess Royal, President. British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Simon Carter, Quadrant Arcade. Regent Street, London WI. Her Royal Highness. President, Animal Heathh Trust, this afternoon attended a Corporate Fellowship Scheme Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal will open the new Edinburgh Healthcare NHS Trust's Care of the Elderly unit at Ferryfield House. Edinburgh, at

11.00; and as Patron of the Moredun Foundation, will preside

at the Retiral Lecture at Pentlands Science Park, Bush Loan, Penicuik, at 12.30. Later, as Presi-

dent of the The Princess Royal

Trust for Carers, will attend an

English Symphony Orchestra con-cert by couriesy of Severn Trent at St James's Palace at 7.00.

The Duke of Kent, as President of

the Automobile Association, will

attend a committee meeting at

Norfolk House, Basingstoke, a

Princess Alexandra, as Patron of

Home-Start, will visit the Kingston

scheme, 132 Kingston Road, New Malden, at 230.

Nene College Mr Michael Morris, Deputy

Speaker, was the host at a recep-

tion held last night at the House of

Commons on behalf of Dr S. Martin Gaskell, Director of Nene

College, Northampton, and Chair-man of the Standing Conference.

Orchestra Mr Robin Hay, Chairman of the

Young Musicians Symphony Or-

chestra, gave a reception last night at the Barbican Centre before the

orchestra's 25th anniversary

Glaziers' Company Ms Wendy Evans delivered the annual lecture of the Glaziers'

Company last night at Glaziers' Hall. Later, Mr Malcolm Tosh.

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dens, received liverymen and their

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The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, later visited Ritva Kariniemi, Devonshire Mews, London W4.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 4: The Lady Angela Oswald
has succeeded Mrs Michael Gorden

March 4: The Duchess of Gloucester. Patron. Parkinson's Disease Society, this morning visited the Head-quarters at 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WCI.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception in aid of Marriage Care at Drapers' Hall. Throgmorton Street, London EC2.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
March 4: Princess Alexandra this
afternoon attended a Service of
Thanksgiving and Re-dedication for
the Centenary of the King's Fund in
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church,
London WC'

Lennox as Lady-in-Waiting to Que Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 4: The Duchess of Glou

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E25,000: 24VP 420705, E11,045, West Midlands; 48DB 216017, E19,829, Hertfordshire; 34PS 534088. E19,999, Oxfordshire: Z7EN 726175, £3,400. West Yorkshire; 32JW 524288, E20,000, Merton, London; IOAB 480754, £2,005. Avon; 40QN 332751, £10,060, Gwent; 40NP 813728, £11,318. Swent: 40NP 813/28, E11,318, Surrey; 20TF 046436, E1,030. Staffordshire; 39LT 913275, £20.000, Dorset; SiQS 333830, £10,000; Staffordshire; 63LP 989457, £20,000, Hampshire; 26YB 742467, £2,223, Kent; ISNP 165265, £20,000, Considerational SME £20,000, Camden, London; 25MF 383459, £20,000, Surrey; 36KL 249991, £12,650, Devon.

Luncheon

Mr Stephen Day, MP, and Mr Dennis Turner, MP, Joint Vice Chairmen of the UK branch of the Association, were the hosts at a luncheon given by the executive committee at the House of Commons yesterday to welcome Com-monwealth Parliamentarians attending the 1997 seminar at

Today's birthdays

The Hon David Astor, CH, 85; Lady Elizabeth Basset, Extra Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 89; the Right Rev Thomas Butler, Bishop of Leicester, 57; Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, 69: the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres,

Mr Jim Dowd, MP, 46; Earl Grey, 58: Mr Anthony Hedges, com-poser, 66: Archbishop Bruno Heim, former Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, 86; Mr R.A.E. Herbert, former president. Royal Horticultural Society, 63; Mr Richard Hickox. conductor, 49; Mrs Ann Longley, Head Mistress, Roedean School, 55: Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden. KT. 71: Miss Elspeth March, actress, 86: Sir Derek Mitchell, civil servant, 75; Miss Elaine Paige, singer, 45; Sir Jack Rumbold, former president, Industrial Tribunals, 77; Mr R. Sandler, chief executive officer, Lloyd's, 45; Mr Barry Tuckwell, horn soloist and conductor, 66; Mr Des Wilson, former co-chairman, Campaign for Freedom of

Vandals attack tomb that inspired phone box design

Masterpiece by Sir John Soane is desecrated

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A GEM of architectural design, the 1816 marble mausoleum of Sir John Soane, one of Britain's greatest architects. has been vandalised. Thieves entered the north London churchyard near St Pancras station, stole slender l'onic columns that were an integral part of the design and de-stroyed some of the original balustrading.

The mausoleum with its distinctive curved canopy supported on four Ionic columns is one of Soane's most ravishing designs. Such is its importance, it is believed to be one of only two Grade I listed tombs in London. Its distinctive shape is now well known as it inspired Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's original telephone box of the 1920s.

"It's a masterpiece," said Christopher Woodward, assistant curator of the Sir John Soane's Museum which is based in the 1812 house that Soane designed and left to the nation at his death in 1837. He said that the stolen columns each about a metre high - are not immediately identifiable as Soane's work and could therefore be sold relatively

Soane's best known public commissions were the Bank of England, on which he worked between 1788 and 1833 but which was almost entirely rebuilt in the 1920s; additions to the Houses of Parliament and government offices on Whitehall, destroyed either by fire or the Victorians, who had different tastes; and the Dulwich Picture Gallery, whose original 1812 design survives. For Soane, however, the mausoleum was a perfect vehicle for letting his Roman-

interrupted by any practical requirements such as plumbing or lighting. Stefan Buzas, an architect and trustee of the Soane

Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Mr Ian Caldwell, President of the

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of

Great Britain, was in the chair at a

dinner held last night at I Lambeth

High Street. Baroness Robson of

Kiddington also spoke. Mr Gor-don Oakes. MP, Sir John Hannam, MP, the President of the

Royal College of Physicians, the President of the College of

Optomotrists, the President of the

Institute of Health Service

Management and the Chairman of

NAHAT were among the guests.

Royal Society of St George The High Commissioner for New Zealand was the guest of honour at

a dinner of the Westminster branch of the Royal Society of St George held last night at New

Zealand House. The Lord Mayor

of Westminster, accompanied by

the Lady Mayoress, was the guest speaker. Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall, president, and Mr

of Great Britain

Dinners

tic imagination run wild: its

lines did not have to be



Ionic inner columns have been stolen from the mausoleum; below, how it was

Monuments Trust, noted how so little of Soane's public work has survived that the mausoleum is "all the more valuable". He said: "This is not vandalism. This is criminal theft. It's likely to have been stolen to order." The case shows how thieves are pinpointing churchyards.

Two years ago the Soane Monuments Trust raised £45,000 to repair the mausoleum. English Heritage was among those who responded to an appeal for help.

Julian Harrap, the architect who restored the monument, said: "It had been looking beautiful. This leads us to be even more disappointed that Soane's monument, which is intended to encapsulate his life after

Robert M Sewell, chairman, also

Lady French, Governor of the

London Goodenaugh Trust for

Overseas Graduates, and Mr John

McCready, Deputy Director, re-

ceived the guests at the annual Law Faculty dinner held last night

at Mecklenburgh Square, Lord Goff of Chieveley, FBA, was the

Mr Rupert Allason, MP, was the

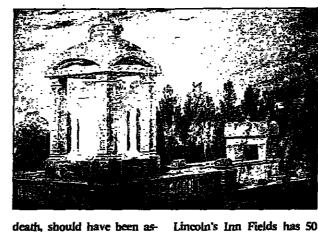
guest of honour at a dinner of the RAF Club Dining Society held at

Professor Robert John Weston Evans, Fellow of Brasenose College, to be Regius Professor of Modern History in succession to Professor Sir John Ellion

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death, should have been assaulted in this brutalising way. It's the destruction of the original fabric that is so

drawings in which Soane worked out the design, pre-paring it for his wife who died in 1815: Soane himself The Soane's Museum in was buried there in 1837.

Inns of Court School of Law

1996-97 Bar Vocational Course Early Resits: Pass List In alphabetical order

Result: competent H N Adimora Gore (M), C H Aherne (L), U Akram (L), M A Afi (L), W C Amako (L), M J Anderson (L), S L Asheroft (I), J S Balfour (I), B S Banga (I), D M Best (L), I Bonage (L), M S Buckland (L), H B Caney (L), W A Cook (M), N J Cooper (M), M A Culling (G), F H Currie (G), R B Day (M), C L De Azevedo (I), J E Deans (L), C M Donnelly (M), T D Dooley (I), B S Duncarison (G), P.R. Ellicott (M), K. Farmer (I), D C Fountain (M), R D Freeland (G), E T Fung (L), J Gandolfi (L), M C Gilks (L), S G Goh (G), F Goldsbrough (I), D J Goodyear (M), D Griffiths (G), D H Griffiths (C), S Haji (M), T M Harrington (G). P A Harshaw (L). A C Hazell (M), W M Healing (G), A M Healy (L), J R Hirst (M), L A Husain (L), R K Inyundo (G), A A

Klein (L), N J Lane (G), Z V Lane-Smith (M), M E Latter (G), J Leasor (L). J F Lennon (L), M K Lewin (L). A P MacLaren (L), I L Mackenzie (G). S P Maggs (L), A D Maitra (G), J T Maugham (M), A Meah (G), S J Midgley (G), D M Mills (I), L J Murray (L), H J Parry (I), T Pomeroy (L), M K Ranauta (G), J E Rayne (G), C J Rendell-Reynolds (L), L Rohit (G), P SaintJohn-Ralston (G). D S Sanders (M), J S Scott (M). S Shanmugaguru (G), E B Simmons (G), M S Sinha (G), D A Siohn (I). D M Smith (M). H E Staley (L). A M Stone (L), P J Taggari (G), S S Thapa (M), J D Upton (M), J Vallejo (M), J C Van Den Broek (M), G D Warnsby (L), C H Whitehead (L), C D Wood (L), A M Wooding (G), D Wooldridge (G), LJ Yeats (M). P N Young (L). S Zaki (L).

Conversion Course Candidate Result: competent O T Onafowokan (M).

Forthcoming: marriages

Mr J.C.M. Alty
and Miss F.F. Johnson
The engagement is announced
between James, only son of the late cenween james, only son in the late Christopher Alty and of Jamet Alty, of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, and Fiona, only daughter of Mrs Sheila Johnson, of Allesley Village, West Midlands.

Mr J.R.M. Boret and Miss S.J. Williamson The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Boret, of The Mardy, Llandenny, and Samanitia, only daughter of Mr Patrick Williamson, of Paphos, Cyprus, and Mrs Paula Williamson, of

Mr S.A. Bures and Miss C.C.W. Hancox The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mrs Rosemary Burns, of Eton. Berkshire, and the late Mr Ian Burns, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hancox, of Offham.

Mr E.W.G. Collis and Miss E.L. Bhar The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Collis, of Plaistow. West Sussex, and Louise, daughter of Mr Harmanjit Bhar, of Lowes Island, Virginia, and Mrs Caroline

Bhar, of London. Mr S.R.W. Davies and Miss C.E. Ashley
The engagement is announced en Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs W. Davies, of Fittleworth. West Sussex and Catherine, daughter of Mr B. Ashley and Mrs

Jeans-Jakobsson, Mariborough, Wiltshire Mr S.M.C. Dowdy and Miss R.F. Woods The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Dowdy, of Gerrards

Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Rachel, eldest daughter of His Honour and Mrs Brian Woods, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, Mr H.C. Grinling and Miss C.A. Chapman the engagement is announced between Harry, son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Grinling, of Hastings, East Sussex, and Christine, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs K.R. Chapman,

of Madrid, Spain.

Water and

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and netween William, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Hague, of Rotherham, Yorkshire, and Ffion, daughter of Mr and Mrs Emyr Jenkins, of Cardiff.

Mr J.F. Harwood and Miss SJ. Bloxba The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Dr H.F. Harwood and the late Mrs. Harwood, of Carshalton Beeches. Surrey, and Sarah, only daughter of Mrs S. Bloxham and the late Mr T.R. Bloxham, of Wimbledon,

Mr D.W.E. John and Miss L.K. Astill The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mrs. Margaret Johnstone, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Mr Keith Johnstone, and Lucy, only daughter of the late Mr Tunothy Preston Astill, OBE, LLB, FRPharms, and of Mrs Ingrid Astill, also of St

Mr E.P. Kearns and Miss N.J. Morphet The engagement is announced between Edmund, younger son of.
Dr J.L and Dr B. Kearns, of:
Ealing, London, and Natalie Jane,
younger daughter of Mr David:
Morphet, of Laurnesson, Comwall and Mrs Ingrid Morphet, of Upper Norwood, London. Mr S.D.W. Leather and Miss C.T. Burton

The engagement is announced between Simon David William, only son of Mr and Mrs D.M.: Leather, of Thorpe Langion, Leicestershire, and Clare Theresay daughter of the late Virginia Burton and of Mr and Mrs M.L. Burton, of Blackheath.

Mr J.S. Long and Mrs R.H. Bukeel The engagement is announced between John Stuart Long, recently of Edinburgh, and Jane, widow of Richard Bulteel, of Hawling, Gloucestershire. Mr A.R. Vaughan-Martin

and Miss F.J. Munro The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Martin, of Hounslow Middlesex, and Fiona, daughter of Dr and Mrs Donald Munro, of Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Environmental

Management Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) Diploma 1996 The pass list for the 21 successful candidates for the November 1996 diploma examination is as follows: Alison Berry, Amanda Bird, Janet Bone, Philip Cullum, Isabelle Davasse, Albert Gilbert, Thomas Grady, Carl Harrop, Toni Holtby, Philip Horrell, Jeffrey Izzard, James Hunter, Nicola Keegan, Susan Lewis, Colin Lindsay. Gerrard McCollum, Lee Robin-son, David Stewart, Jon Swift, Peter Willders, Perry Woolner.

Latest wills

Woman's Royal Naval Service, 1961-64, of Blundellsands, Mersey-side, left estate valued at £57.197 net.
She left L500 to both the WRNS
Benevolent Trust and the Burrswood
International Fellowship.

Lady Hodson, of Dinder, Wells, Somerset, left estate valued at £13,959 net. lan Joicey Dickinson, of Riding Mill. Northumberland, left estate valued at £1,782,857 net.

Paviors' Company The following have been installed officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J.W.A. Chugston; Up-per Warden, Mr J.H. Lelliott: Renter Warden, Mr P.D.M. Gell.

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Mother's Day

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: David Bruce, David II, King of Scotland reigned 1329-71, Dunfermline, 1324; Gerhardus Mercator, cartographer, Rupelmonde, Belgium, 1512; William Oughtred, mathematician; and pioneer of the slide rule, Eton, 1574; Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, explorer and founder of the city of Detroit, Les Laumets, France, 1658: William Henry Beveridge, Ist Baron Beveridge, economist, Rangpur, India, 1879.

DEATHS: Antonio Correggio, painter, Correggio, Italy, 1534; Thomas Arne, composer, London, 1778; Flora Macdonald, Jacobite, Skye, 1790; Franz Mesmer, physician and pioneer of hypnotism. Miersburg, Austria, 1815; Pierre Simon, Marquis de Laplace. astronomer, 1827; Count Alessandro Volta, physicist, Como, 1827: Sir Henry Rawi orientalist, London, 1895; Edgar Lee Masters, poet and novelist, Philadelphia, 1950; Sergei Prokofiev, composer, Moscow, 1953; Jo-seph Stalin, Soviet leader, Moscow, 1953; Anna Akhmatova. poet, Moscow, 1966; Tito Gobbi, baritone, Rome, 1984. British troops opened fire on a

civilian crowd in Boston.; Massachusetts, killing five people, in what was dubbed "The Boston. Massacre", 1770. Covent Garden Theatre was destroyed by fire, 1856. The Nazis won almost half the

seats in the German general elections, 1933. The Spitfire made its first flight from Eastleigh aerodrome, Southampton, 1936.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

You are yourself the strength in which they glory; through your favour we hold our heads high. Psalm 89: 17 BIRTHS SEALE - On February 15th, to Louisa (née Best-Shaw) and Andrew, a daughter, Polly Theodora, a sister for Roseanna and Freddie. SLÜMMERS - On March 3rd, to Jane (née Isbister) and Gerhard, a son, Sebastian St. Clair Alexander. BRAITHWAITE-EXLEY - OR BURGE - On 25th February 1997, to Nicholas and Arabella (née Spence), a daughter, Lily Victoria. COLEMAN - On February 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Margot (use Fitzpatrick) and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Emily Jane - a sister for Oggar. DE MONTFORT - On 26th February in Johannesburg, to Jenny (nee Bell) and Roger, a daughter, Clara Averina, a sister for Louis. MCCBs - On jamuary 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Deborat Dunkin and Arend Dikkers, a daughter, Leetitia Cornella, a sister for Max-and Josée. First - On March 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Sheryi (nee Jassen) and Peter, a daughter, Hannah Enth. GOLDSMITH - On March 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Marlene and Peter, a daughter, Jade Bettins. LOVIBORE) - On February 27th, to Caroline (see Fielding) and Charles, a son, Harry Locke.

Markanne (née Squair) and John, a son, Dan, a brother for Freddy.

PARKER - On March 3rd, to Laude and Tim, a son, Oscar jumes Hampden. PUMPHREY - On 3rd March, to Juliet (née Blackett) and

BIRTHS SCHMEDERMAN - On February 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Juliette (née Lichtig) and Marc, a son, Noah. YATES - On February 24th 1997, to Bose (née Middleton) and Andrew, a son, Thomas. Always remembering Arthur John. DEATHS AKANDE - Paiola Cluyemist on February 22nd, 1997, at The Lister Hospital, Chelsea Ridge Road. Fomeral Service at St. John the Evangelist Church, Hyde Park Crescent, W2. Saturday March 8th at 10am, followed by interment at Kensal Green Cemetery 12 noon. Donations in Hen of Inwest if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o J.H. Lenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, Loadon, W2 4th.

Grove, London, W2 4UL.
AVISE - Mary Ethabeth (Molly)
on February 26th, recently a
resident of Fairfield, Oxford.
Much loved unit of Anne
Ayre (Newcastle), Philipa,
Marian, Jean and Sarbara
(New Zoniand) and cousts of
Liz Wooldridge
(Wallingford) and John
Hocking (Kithore Bad). A
sarvice will be beld at Si
Michael and All Angels
Church, Lousdale Road,
Summertown, Oxford on
Thursday 13th March at
1.30pm. Biessages to Mrs.
Anderson, 111 Victoria Road,
Oxford.
BAUGE-CRESSWELL - Addison DAKER-CRESSWELL - Addison Joe, Captain R.N. of Samburgh Dear husband of Rone, peachfully at home on 4th March aged 96. Funeral at 2 pm on Monday 10th March at St Aldan's Church, Samburgh, Northumberland.

Emburgh, Northumberland.
BRIST - Charles, On 1st March
1997 at The Royal Indianary
Edischurgh, Charles, Ioving,
husband of Chris, dear
father to the late Valerie and
lan. Huch loved Dada of
Sarzh, James and
Christopher. Service at
Mortonhall Crematorium
Fentland Chapsi on Pridsy
7th Harch at 9.15 am, Family
flowers only pleage. rin sarch and remary flowers only please. Donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation, 45A Mony Place, Edinburgh EH3, would be appreciated.

DEATHS BRIDGEWATER - Thornton Howard (Yony) on 28th February aged 88 years, after a long illness bravely borne. Much loved father of Anthony and grandfather of Alexander, Virginia and Oliver. Funeral Service at St. Anne's Chusch, Ew Green on Monday 10th March at 11.30 am, followed by a private cremation. Family Bowers only please but any donartoms at his request to the ENILL, clo Fredk W. Paine, Funeral Directors, 182 High Street, New Malden, Surrey ET3 4EE.

CHAPPELL - Josephine Mary (née Price), aged 81, peacefully at Chevior Nursing Home, Colchester, on March 3rd, Widow of Aba Kingsley Chappell, much lowed mother of jame and Sarah. CHELMER - Eric Savon Chalmer of Margaretting, beloved husband of Enid and father of Robin, peacefully after a long timess, on 3nd March 1997, aged 82, Private funeral. Details of a Memorial Service will be announced later.

CRAME - On March 1st
Marjorie aged 88 of Sway,
Hants, after a long Ulmers,
Youngest draghter of George
and Ethel Crane, sometime
of Argentina A Thumbagiving
Survice will be held at Sway
Parish Church on Tustage,
March 11th at 3 pan Family
flowers only please, if
wished donations for
SSFCA to Diamond and
Son Funeral Directors,
Lymington, SO41 9DN DARERS - On Srd March 1997, Ethnabeth, beloved wife of Lional Dakers and mother of Rachel Jones, Mary Newman, Juliet Dessain and Felicity Bill. Dearly Joved grandmether of cleven. Funcal Requiem, Salisbury Cathedral, Friday 14th March at 12 noon. No flowers by her negoest, but donations to the Salisbury Cathedral Fabric Fund, clo 6, The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 22F.

DAWSON-SHEPHERD (JOHNS)
- Margaret Kathleen on 28th
February. Margaret K Johns
was the first fessals film
producer in the UK. Widow
of lam, much loved mother of
Jenniter, Judith and Andrasa,
and stepmother of
Rosemary, Anne, Sarah and
Deborah, Funeral Service St
Winefride's, Iew, 11.30 am,
Thursday 13th March,
Donations to Mother & Seby
Clinic Project, The Little
Foundation, 12 Park
Crescent, London WIN 4EQ. Cresoni, London WiN 4EQ.

DINGLEY - Florence Eath, M.A., on 2nd March peacefully at Windlesham Manor residential home, aged 100, widow of Doctor Jack, mother of junet. Ediget and Nacmi, Feneral 1230 pm Priday 21st March at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells. Pamily florenz only, but donations if desired to R.N.J.R. Enquiries to Faul Bysouth 01892 658000. EPSTEIN - Liliana Loubov, dearly loved mother of Monica and Isabella, died suddenly in London on March 3rd 1997. She will be deeply missed Funeral Sowice at the Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, London WW10 on Thursday 6th March at 2.30 pm.

6th March at 2.30 pm.

GOFF - Rosemary Anne suddenly on Sarurday Ist Masch 1997. Wife of the Inte Bruce Goff M.C., formerly Dyer (née Wentworth-Firwilliam). Belored mother of Michael, Annie and Becca. Adored grand mother and grant-grandmother and friend. Family funeral on Saturday 8th March II am at St Bartholomews, Egdean, near Firtleworth, West Susses, followed by private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday 7th April 2 pm at St Bartholomews, Egdean. No mounning, if desired cut flowers only.

MARDEE - The Ven. A.G. (Bill) MARDE - The Ven. A.C. (Bill)
Hardle died peacefully at
Westchiffe House, Rothbury,
Northumberland, on 28th
February, aged 88 years.
Much loved and missed.
Funezal Service at Alwinton
Church on Monday March
10th at 2 pm.

HAVES - Vicky on 3rd March peacefully after an inspirational and courageous fight. Loring wife of Peter and devoted mother to Catherine, Edward and Oliver. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Salehusst, Robertsbridge, all melcome March 22nd at melcome 22n Service at St Many's Courts, Salehust, Bobertabridge, all welcome, March 22nd at 1 lan. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o C. Waterdouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sussex, (D1435) 882219. E Sussex, (D1435) 882219.

HOGG - On March 3rd 1997

Henry Edward Hogg at home.
Family Howers only please, to
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of the United Kingdom.
Enguises to Asthma Brookse

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RMM6 - On 3rd March 1997
Jock aged 84 years of
Krikhride, Catabria A greatly
loved husband of the late
Louisa, a beloved father of
John, Richard and Charles,
also a dear grandfather and
great-grandfather. Funeral
Services to be held at St
Bride's Church, Kichride, on
Thursday 6th March at
12.45 pm., followed by
interment in the churchyand.
Friands please accept this
intimation. Family flowers
only. Donations, if desired,
to be divided between the
Parish Surgery. Enquiries to
Walker's Funeral Directors,
Carlisle, tel; (01228)
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SOMBSTOME - George Sermand
March 3rd 1997 aged 92
years. Dear husband of
Glasha and keving father of
Fatricia, father-in-law of
Martin and dear grandfather
of Emma and Lisa. All
anguirles please to the
Pearson-Collisson Funeral
Service, Liverpool, (0151)
722-1514. KING - Manerte (née de Manduit) died on February 20th 1997 at her home in Cannes, Francs. Widow of Jack Kino, MC, and of Jack Harring, MC, Interment of 3thes in England to be announced later.

LIMBELL - Aubrey Oscar Edgar died pescerfully at home on Sunday 2nd March in his 80th year after a long illness hravely borns. Survived by his devoted wife Elleen, his sons Poter, Stuart and Anthony. Adored by his sister Sylviz, droughters-in-law janet and Margaret and grandpo to Elizabeth and Stephen. Funeral and Holy Escharist at 12 noon on Tnesday 11th March at St. Thomas's Church, Oakwood, London N14, followed by committal at Enfield Causatorium. Donations, if desired, to The Stroke Association or Cancer Research c/o Seaward & Sons, 448 Green Lanes, London N13 5xD.

LVALL-WILSON - On 2nd March 1997 peacefully in Mount Alvernia Hospital, Gellidford. Inc., widow of Leslie, denity loved mother of Angus and Jennie, grandsnother of Rohan, Denits, Daneve and Veen and sister of Roy. Fuseuni Service at Riombury St Mary Church on Monday 10th March at 11 am. Flowers or donations for the Stroke Association may be sent to Sherlock & Sous, Trellis House, Dorking RE4 225.

MACSWINEY - Major John Francis (Sean) Ecyal Signals (ref'd), suddenly at home on 1st March 1997 aged 81 years. Much missed by Machildren Cavan, Nuala and Flopa and his grandchildren Funeral at Our Lody of the Rosery and Ecly Rood, Botley, Oxford, at 2 pm on Friday 7th March. Requiescat In Face. MATTHEWS - It was incorrectly recorded that Andrew Edward Bertie Matthews died on 11th Pebruary 1997. Mr Matthews died on 10th Pebruary 1997.

POUNCEY - Eathleen Beeton (Eay), died peacetuily on March 1st, 1997, at Rippleside, Berhüll-on-Sea agod 85. Beloved mother of Tony, Penny, Robin, Caristopher and Pameh, and Granny to James, Kate, Charlotte and Isabelle. Funeral 2.45 pm Wednesday 12th March at St Bamabas Church, Beshill, followed by privote family cremation. An earlier Communico Service will be held at 10 am. Flowers or domations to the (Church of England) Children's Society may be zent to Mummery, 21 Devonshire Road, Bezhill-on-Sea, TN40 1AH.

PRATT - On March 3rd 1997
pancefully at his home in
Shortisham. David Clifford
aged 67 years. Much loved
bushand of jane and a dearly
loved father and
gamdiather. Funeral Service
at St Margaret's Church,
Shottisham, on Monday
March 10th at 2.30 pm.
Family flowers only please
may be sent to G.W. Smith
(Alderton) Ltd. Funeral
Directors, 50 The Street, Directors, 50 The Alderton, IP12 3BL

ROLLASON - Barbara on March 3rd 1997 peacefully at home aged 95 years. Much loved by her family and her many triends. Funeral Survice at Surveybury Crematericus on Wednesday March 12th at 1.20 pm. All enquiries to Linda Dawson tol: (01588) 673250.

ROWSELL - Berry on March 1st peacefully in Winchester Hospital, Frantal Service at Stoke Charity on Monday March 10th at 11,30 am followed by private cremation. No flowers picess, Donations, if desired, to a charity of your choice.

SCHREMER - Irene (née Rám) on 28th February 1997 agod 98 at home, Genuly loved by all her family and friends. Service at Futney Vale Crematorium on Monday 10th March at 11.30 am. No flowers please - donations instead to Save the Children Fund, Oxfam or ESPCA.

MARTAT Christophe monay march Srt 1997. Funeral on Wednesday March 12th at 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Chesham, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to any charity for the blind. All enquiries to Cooks Funeral Services (01494) 791359.

WALD - On 2nd March 1997
peacefully in Winton
Numing Home, Vivienne in
her 100th year. Daughter of
the late Sir Francis and Ludy
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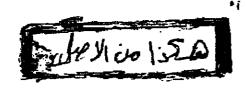
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SIR MARTIN FURNIVAL JONES

Sir Martin Furnival Jones, CBE, Director General of M15 from 1965 to 1972, died on March I aged 84. He was born on May 7, 1912.

artin Furnival Jones was head of MI5 at a time when Russian spies were not only supposed to be under everyone's bed but also in the Cabinet and in Parliament. It was a period of rampant paranoia, and Furnival Jones, though not a conspiracy theorist himself, had the job of sifting reality from wild rumour.

He was a quiet, shy, pipesmoking birdwatching enthusiast who cared for the image of the Security Service under his leadership, while caring little for his personal image. Indeed, one of the benefits of being MIS Director-General in the 1960s and 1970s was that he could remain an anonymous figure. He would not have relished the higher profile attached today to the head of the intelligence and security

During his term as directorgeneral, the lengthy inquiries that had been held into the possible penetration of M15 by the Russian Intelligence Service came to a head. The main suspicions of the investigators on the so-called Fluency Committee fell on Furnival Jones's immediate predecessor, Sir Roger Hollis.

It was a painful time for Furnival Jones. He was a friend of Hollis and was convinced of his innocence. However, he felt it was right to authorise a full investigation, for fear of being accused of a cover-up. The subsequent investigation found no evidence that Hollis had been a traitor.

Edward Martin Furnival Jones was born in High Barnet, a son of Edward Furnival Jones, one time President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He was educated at Highgate School, from where he won an exhibition to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. He read modern and medieval languages, and

He qualified as a solicitor in 1937 and practised with the



firm of Slaughter & May. On the outbreak of war, he joined the Army and was commissioned in the Intelligence Corps in 1940. The following year he was attached to MIS, serving in the War Office and later in the Counter-Intelligence Division of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF).

He was mentioned in dispatches and was awarded the United States Bronze Star for his work at SHAEF. He ended the war as a lieutenant-colonel and in 1946 he joined the permanent staff of the Security Service, where he remained until his retirement in 1972.

During the war he had developed a reputation for a penetrating mind. In the early

years of his MI5 career, he worked in protective security; in 1958 he took charge of the counter-espionage branch. In 1963 he was appointed deputy director-general and succeeded Hollis at the head of MI5 in 1965. He was appointed CBE in 1957 and knighted in 1967.

director-general, Furnival Jones ordered the secret investigation into allegations by Soviet and Czech defectors - notably, Anatoli Golitsyn and Josef Frolik that the Wilson Government had been penetrated by the KGB in the late 1960s and early 1970s. However, no evidence was found of any Soviet penetration of the Labour hierarchy.

This investigation had no

them as "a pretty bouncy crew" but no action was taken against them.

plot. Furnival Jones described

His most significant achievement was the part he played in persuading the Government to expel 105 Russian intelligence officers posing as diplomats and trade officials, following the defection of Oleg Lyalin in 1971.

In 1972 Furnival Jones gave memorable evidence to a com-mittee headed by Lord Franks which was reviewing Section 2 of the 1911 Official Secrets Act. He told the committee that Russian intelligence agents tried to recruit backbench MPs, hoping that they would become ministers. He urged the retention of Section 2 as a fallback in case proceedings under Section I - the espionage section - did not succeed.

He warned the committee that although he did not keen himself informed of the circle of acquaintances of every MP. he was aware that "very many Members of Parliament are in contact with very many intelligence officers".

Furnival Jones said intelligence officers were not all readily recognisable, although the Russians were easier to spot because he said they wore long coats and curiously shaped hats. He painted a picture of Russian agents attending political parties and drinking in Fleet Street bars, chatting up reporters to get titbits of information.

After retiring from MI5, he was signed up as a consultant by ICI to conduct a security review to protect the company from industrial espionage. Later he joined the panel of chairmen of the Civil Service Selection Board.

His favourite pastime was birdwatching. When he went on trips abroad as head of MI5, he used to get his staff to arrange birdwatching trips with an experienced local guide.

However, his health, which was never robust, deteriorated. He faced increasing physical disabilities courageously and with undiminished mental alertness.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and one daughter.

PROFESSOR FRANK **LLEWELLYN-JONES**

Frank Llewellyn-Jones, CBE, Principal of University College, Swansea, 1965-74, died on February 3 aged 89. He was born in Penrhiwceibr, Giamorgan, on September 30, 1907.

A CULTURED Welshman and a scientist of distinction, Frank Llewellyn-Jones was the pre-eminent authority on the physics of electrified gases and on electrical contact phenomena. On these subjects he published five textbooks and more than seventy original scientific papers, all written with great style and clarity. From an early age he showed scientific leanings and

a propensity for building electrical and mechanical devices crystal wireless sets and model railways. From West Monmouth School he went to Merton College, Oxford, to read physics. He took a first in 1929 and was awarded a research scholarship. As Senior Demy at Magdalen and Demonstrator in the Wykeham Physics Department he researched with Sir John Townsend at the Clarendon Laboratory. Thus began his

breakdown of gases. These interests he continued on his appointment as a lecturer at University College, Swansea, in 1932. He also devoted himself to a heavy lecture load across the full spectrum of physics during one of its most exciting periods of upheaval and conceptual

work on spectroscopy,

ionisation and the electrical

His war years were spent at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, concentrating on resolving problems of spark-plug ignition and erosion at magneto contacts in aircraft engines. At the time these were problems which seriously limited flying time between essential servicing.

This war work, and his studies of ionisation and plasma phenomena, were the foundations on which he built two internationally renowned research schools on his return to Swansea in 1945 as profes-



sor and head of the department of physics. Under his dynamic leadership the department became the focus of international collaboration with visiting scientists and scholars from all quarters.

He had a deep concern for students' wellbeing and was a marvellous teacher, via superb if somewhat haphazard lectures. He was quite unable to stick to lecture notes, however carefully prepared. He would cast them aside after a few words and launch into an extempore treatment of abstract topics which held his classes enthralled. Note-taking was impossible but they got the message.

He was Dean of Science, Vice-Principal and Principal at Swansea and was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, 1969-71. Among the many extra-academic offices he held, he was chief regional scientific adviser for civil defence in South Wales, parttime director of the South Wales group of British Steel and served on the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire. chairing its central advisory committee for education which was ahead of its time in pinpointing the shortage of graduates entering teaching.

Courteous and gentlemanly, Llewellyn-Jones was a sen-sitive and sometimes vulnerable person. He combined intellect with humanity. Direct and often impatient, he was ready to face unpopularity in support of what he considered right. He had the irritating habit of being right on major issues of principle and policy, his expression of which often made unwelcome news to the Establishment.

He was appointed CBE in

In retirement he found time to pursue his interests in the history of naval warfare, industrial archaeology, gardening (growing exquisite grapes), ornithology, his 1930s Talbot car and above all to indulge in his passion for railways and steam locomotives. He possessed a superb model railway which he largely built himself. He was a stout defender of the Central Wales Line, under threat of closure, and a thorn in the side of opponents of rail transport.

His first wife, Eileen, whom he married in 1938, and his daughter, Anne, predeceased him and he is survived by his son David, Professor of Physics at Leicester University, and his second wife. Gwendolen.

Lord Chehner, MC, TD, chairman of the national executive committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, 1957-65, died on March 3

aged 82. He was born on

October 9, 1914.

AS CHAIRMAN of the execurive committee and later_as joint party treasurer Eric Edwards (from 1963, when he was made a life peer, Lord Chelmer) wielded considerable behind-the-scenes power in the Conservative Party for a number of years in the 1950s and 1960s. He was one of the most effective figures in the voluntary section of the party. When Harold Macmillan

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resigned as Prime Minister in 1963, Chelmer was one of a small group who for a week played a key role until Lord Home (who immediately renounced his peerage to be-come Sir Alec Douglas-Home) was appointed Prime Minister. It was to be the last time a Tory leader emerged by what used to be known as "the customary processes of con-sultation" in the days before leadership elections.

Macmilian called for the views of MPs, peers and constituency associations to be brought to his hospital bed. Chelmer and Dame Margaret Shepherd, that year's chairman of the National Union. working independently of the other two groups as instruct-

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ed, had charge of sounding out the views of the grassroots Tories in the constituencies. They told Macmillan that

the result was split down the middle. Rab Butler had won the country constituencies (virtually all Tory) and Quintin Hogg (who had abandoned his peerage too, in hopes of gaining the premiership) had taken the cities, towns and urban areas (mostly Labour and with a lot of marginals). They went on to explain that on a purely constituency count Hogg was well ahead as there were more urban than rural constituencies. The reception of the news was cool. This surprised Chelmer because, talking to Macmillan a short time earlier, he had had the distinct impression that he favoured Hogg to succeed him. Chelmer left the hospital feeling that some new plot was

connection with the subse-

quent alleged dirty tricks cam-

paign against the Labour leadership by extreme right-

wing members of the Security

Service and an alleged plot to

overthrow the Wilson Govern-

ment, involving a number of

senior figures, mostly mili-

tary, who feared that the

country was lapsing into cha-

os. The press baron Cecil King

was alleged to be the prime

mover in a plan which appar-

ently envisaged Lord Mount-

batten's serving as the head of

an alternative government

once the Wilson administra-

tion had been ousted. Furnival

Jones is thought to have

warned the then Home Secre-

tary, James Callaghan, giving

him the names of those in the

afoot. He did not have long to wait. Next day he was telephoned by Sidney Cooke, secretary of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, to say that the party wanted him to go and see the Foreign Secretary. Lord Home. In the 1930s Home had suffered badly from spinal tuberculosis, and there were still anxieties about his health. Arriving at the Foreign Office, Chelmer had hardly time to put his query before Home told him that he had been to see his doctor that morning, that he had been

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given a clean bill of health and that he felt ready for any role the party wished him to fulfil. No more was said.

LORD CHELMER

But, despite his central role in the events of 1963, Chelmer's main service to the party was as a money-raiser, in his 12 years as joint party treasurer. He had the gift of explaining to businessmen and industrialists why politics and good government were essential to their businesses.

With the help of the 1st Lord

Poole, then deputy party chair-man. he modernised the constituency network of contributions. Each constituency was given a quota of money to be sent to Central Office each year, based on the Tory vote at the last general election. The plan got off to a slow start, until Chelmer got the inspired notion that each constituency's quota - alongside what it had actually paid - should be printed in the annual party conference handbook. It always amused him, the day before conference opened, to watch journalists going carefully through the figures in order to locate the constituency of any prominent Cabinet minister that had only paid a part of its quota, or none at all. The trick worked wonders. Some constituencies, especially those with prominent MPs, started paying double or treble the amount of their quota.

Eric Cyril Boyd Edwards was educated at Felsted. He wanted to go to Cambridge. his ambition being a place in the Diplomatic Service. But his father and grandfather persuaded him to become a lawyer first. At London Univ-



ersity he took an LLB, qualified as a solicitor, and joined the family firm. Weekends were spent learning to be a soldier with the Essex Yeomanry, or crewing on his father's ocean racer. The possibility of entry into the Diplomatic Service dropped out of sight. Within two years the country was at war. During the war he served

with the Essex Yeomanry and the Royal Artillery. He was on the beaches soon after D-Day, won a Military Cross and was a lieutenant-colonel at 30. Back in civilian life and the family law practice he kept up his connection with the Essex Yeomanry, becoming its com-

manding officer, 1945-46.

Edwards's father and grandfather had both been local councillors, sitting as Liberals. But in 1945, after the defeat of Winston Churchill, father and son both joined the Conservative Party. Eric Edwards tried to

become prospective Tory parliamentary candidate for Southend West. It was his one failure. But he was probably better suited to his various roles on the voluntary side of the party than to any Commons service he might have given. His contribution to the work of the National Union was far more than his official positions demanded. He was, for example, chairman of the committee which produced

the Chelmer report of 1970-71, reforming and updating the selection processes for parliamentary candidates and streamlining constituency organisations. Chelmer was also one of the

first to foresee the loss of Conservative seats in Scotland and the need to do something about it. He went on tours to Scotland asking for closer ties with Central Office in constituency organisations, enabling such things as the channelling of money to Scottish constituencies. It did not make any headway. After being created a life peer in 1963, he attended the House of Lords for some thirty years without ever making a maiden speech. It had earlier become an unwritten rule that the party's treasurers should not speak in Parliament, to avoid inadvertently giving any impression that anything said could be connected with political fundraising.

As well as practising as a lawyer for fifty years, Chelmer was chairman of several companies, including Provident Investment and Greycoat Estates. He always gave the impression of being unrushed. and he gave generously of his time to an array of activities the Musicians Benevolent Fund and the Ralph Vaughan Williams Trust.

When he gave up ocean racing he sailed and raced more modestly off Burnham with a series of racing catamarans.

He is survived by his wife Enid, whom he married in 1939, and by his son.

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RACING MOTORIST'S DEATH The inquest on the body of Mr. Parry

Thomas, who was killed when attempting to break the motoring speed "record" on Pendine Sands, was held yesterday. The Coroner, Dr. R Thomse, mentioned that he asked Mr. Thomas last year why he did not carry a companion or mechanic with him in the car. His answer was "One is enough at one time". That showed the pluck of the man. These attempts by brave men only showed that in 1927, the manhood of the British Empire was not dead.

Harold Pullen, one of Mr. Thomas's mechanics, said he was standing opposite the timing-box when the accident occurred. Mr. Thomas was going very well until about 500 yards beyond the tape of the measured mile. There he noticed the car swerve badly. In a cloud of smoke and dust it careered about three-quarters of a mile, finishing up facing the sea. The Coroner. - About what pace was he travelling? - It is difficult to say, but I should say it was

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"Babs", the crashed car, was exhumed from the dunes in 1969, restored, and is housed in the Industrial and Maritime Museum at Cardiff. The present land speed record, 633 mph, is held by Richard Noble.

the fastest I have ever seen him travel. It was checked officially as 179.5 miles per hour. He said that the motor car was thoroughly examined before the journey, and it was in as good a condition as a mechanic could leave it in.

Leslie Callaghan, an engineer from Shell-Mex, said that it took less than one minute to reach the car. When they arrived the car burst into flames. He considered that the off-side driving shank broke and must have struck Mr. Thomas on the head, killing him

immediately. The rear wheel was torn off, causing the tail to tip up in the air. The car slithered upside down for some yards, righted itself and travelled for three or four hundred yards, and then the distorted near-side wheels made the car travel left-handed in a large circle. coming to rest facing the sea. After examining all possible parts he felt convinced that some foreign matter like a stone must have caused the drivingchain to be diverted from the sprocket. An independent engineer, who had examined the car, agreed that apart from the chain no other mechanism was responsible.

The Coroner returned a verdict that Mr. Parry Thomas died from injuries to the head as the result of an accident. He said he found nearly the whole of the skull severed from the base. Death must have been instantaneous. Mr. Thomas will be buried at Old Byfleet. The wrecked car was attached to an agricultural tractor, towed to a spot in the sanddunes where a deep hole had been dug, and buried there.

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Commission in Washington DC and find yourself staring into the open-door hearing room. A minicourtroom drama is in progress - a bench of quasi-judges, rapt audience, lawyers, all intent on the contest of the day: cable rates, radio and television licences, satellite broadcasts, dial-a-porn telephone lines.

Strong voices in Britain are calling for a counterpart to what the United States gave itself in 1934: a single agency to regulate telecommunications and broadcasting together. If Britain had an FCC, or Ofcom, as some would call it, our overlapping tangle of regulators could be eliminated. Oftel, the Independent Television Commission, the Radio Authority, the Broadcasting Standards Council (soon to be renamed commission), the radio branch of the Department of Trade and Industry - maybe even the

BBC's Board of Governors. Trying to regulate through separate agencies what technology has brought together makes increasing nonsense. Questions like how to ensure that the main supplier of digital set-top boxes does not shut the door to other broadcasters, or should British Telecom be allowed to sell television entertainment to mass audiences down the telephone line, would be easier to tackle. In Washington, the FCC offers one-stop regulation for all of these. It is headed by five

politically appointed commissioners, of whom no more than three can be from the same party. Reed Hundt, the Democratic chairman, is too clever to criticise another country's communications regulations. But he can see that the British approach is "very managed". "You think about which way you want to go and then decide the rules on how to get there. We wait and see where the players want to go. Who can say who's going to be successful?" In favour of the American way, he says, is the certainty that "all predictions are wrong".

The FCC has learnt its pragmatism the hard way. During the 1970s and 1980s it practised "creative regulation", trying to guide the direction technology would take. The result, says Hundt, was a "colossal mistake". Cable television was overprotected, the national television networks were discouraged from investing in programme production, the telephone and computer industries, local and long-distance telephone services were forcibly kept apart.

Now all the effort is focused on lowering the regulatory barriers and allowing the technologies to converge - without discouraging competition and diversity. The increasing number of new media possibilities have allowed the FCC, prodded by Congress's recent Telecom Act, to permit ownership of radio and television stations in

larger clusters. But the FCC still prides itself on some success in preventing excessive cross-media ownership.

Hundt, a communications lawyer, thinks the excitement about the entrance of The News Corporation (parent company of The Times) and Echo into domestic satellite television distribution was premature. "We still have to look at it," he says. The hopes of offering 500 channels by satellite, including local television, cuts across an FCC rule that no satellite service may broadcast local programmes into areas where these are available on cable or rooftop aerial.

As a Democrat, Hundt acknowledges that the marketplace approach does not serve all the television audience. His Republican predecessor, Mark Fowler, said memorably: The public interest is the public's interest." In contrast, Reed points to children's television: "The marketplace will not serve kids because kids don't have any money.

Since January the FCC has imposed new rules to try to carry out Congress's mandate to improve children's television. US television stations must submit quarterly evidence of compliance. Yet any American attempt to regulate the content of what appears on TV inevitably runs up against the constitutional protection of free speech. Broadcasting in this sense, is "speech". The only reason that it is not as free from regulation as the American press is that broadcasters need licences

to use airwaves, a public resource. They therefore must submit to some governmental conditions in exchange for access to the air. But not many.

The FCC's new rules on children's programmes look pitifully weak. All they insist on is half an hour a week of a regularly scheduled programme of informational or educational content, to be shown between 7am and 10pm.

Can't the FCC take a more qualitative approach to raising standards? Hundt says no. All the commission can do is design numerical formulas and brandish the threat of removal of licence.

With technology moving so fast, the advantages of the FCC's approach are obvious. Yet it can do nothing to enliven the blandness of network television, spoilt by the frequency of commercial interruption and lack of variety. Last week when NBC showed Schindler's List without a commercial break, 63 million people watched it.

The inability to impose cultural values on broadcast television is one argument against a single British regulator for communica-tions. The inevitability of the press being drawn into statutory regulation is another. But there is no excuse for not combining all other communications business under one official roof, especially if its technical sophistication is high and its doors are open.

TV cooks up a storm

RARELY has the power of television been more clearly illustrated than in Delia Smith's Red Nose Collection cookery programme last month, when she was joined the comedian Dawn French to make chocolate muffins. The BBC2 show triggered a run on the mini-muttin baking tray featured.

In Sainsbury's stores throughout the land, the trays started selling like, well ... hot cakes. A supply that should have lasted six months has already sold out. Customer service lines have been so busy with calls for the baking trays that the powers-that-he have had to rush an advance order from the only manufacturer. Remaining baking trays, meanwhile, are being rationed among the stores to avoid outbreaks from frustrated would-be muffin-makers.

Sugar and Spice WORKING with the Spice Girls won unexpected benefits for Jennifer Saunders,

actress and mother of three



daughters aged between five and II. As part of this month's Comic Relief TV extravagan-Saunders formed a lookalike band, called the Sugar Lumps, with Dawn French, Kathy Burke, Lulu and Llewella Gideon. The two bands teamed up last month up to make the official Comic Relief single, Who Do You Think You Are?, the proceeds of which will go to the charity.

Saunders says: "Despite all the amazing people I've worked with, working with the Spice Girls has finally earned me the respect of my children.

Judgment day

THE controversial former High Court judge James Pick-les is to join News Bunny and topless-darts players on Live TV, possibly Britain's least-viewed but best-known cable station. The judge is to star in Trial TV, presiding over mock trials based on real-life cases. The series features cases from all over the country, such

trying to prevent a Thai massage salon from opening. The protagonists from each side will be invited to submit their case, and the judge will

as the Dartmoor villagers

deliver his learned verdict. Pickles, who retired from the bench in 1991, says: "even though our courts are open to the public, relatively few people will ever have attended a trial." Unfortunately for Pickles, even fewer people are ever likely to watch Live TV.

Launch fling

BIZARRE, the new magazine about the world of the weird, has run into trouble even before going on sale. The inaugural issue was pulped after an article was found to be in contempt of court. So yesterday the magazine - the latest title from John Brown Publishing, which produces Viz relaunched itself.

To mark the affair, an octopus-throwing competition took place in Battersea Park. south London. The creatures were dead before the first tentacle was flung, but the event incurred the wrath of animal rights groups. The RSPCA says: "Because they were dead, there was no cruelty, so there was nothing we could do. But it is in very bad taste and might encourage people to behave inappropriately with animals."

Octopus-throwing is apparently big among Canadian ice hockey fans who hurl the inky creatures onto the rink when their team wins.

 GOOD news for the playwright Alan Bennett who recently denounced Classic FM listeners as "Saga louts". Saga, the over-50s travel firm, which spends around E400,000 a year with Classic, has withdrawn all advertising from the station after it jacked up its rates.

Saga director Tim Bull said: "Advertising on Classic is no longer cost-effective."

Morley silenced

ONE CRITIC was conspicuous by his absence when colleagues of the late Daily Mail critic Jack Tinker trod the boards at the London Palladium to celebrate the writer's life.

Sheridan Morley, who reviews shows for The Spectator and the International Herald Tribune, has the imposing physique that could dominate a stage and a voice to hit the back rows of the Drury Lane. But he was not invited to take part. Could it be his application for Tinker's job was considered by some to follow rather too hard upon the diminutive scribe's death? Whatever the reason, Charles Osborne, who was formerly The Daily Telegraph's man in the stalls and who organised the tribute, says: "At the request of those close to Jack, it was decided not to ask

Sheridan to take part."

dmen under fire

AS THE political temperature rises and a possible change of government looms, the Advertising Association has conducted a MORI survey of 100 anonymous MPs' views of the advertising industry and its work.

It seems that the industry still has serious image problems among more than 40 per cent of the Labour Party members surveyed. Among their objections are that advertising "does not work in the public interest", it "exploits markets", "distorts needs" and "misleads consumers".

One Labour backbencher even declares: "(Agencies) are guilty of telling more lies than politicians", while another says: "They are unscrupulous, ruthless, grasping and duplicitous."

The association has brushed off the findings. "The official Labour Party is extremely positive about us and does not endorse these worries," says Andrew Brown, the association's directorADVERTISING

general. "The point is not to be confused between individual, anonymous opinions and official policy."

DAVID OGILVY, the co-founder of Ogilvy and Mather, one of the world's top ten agencies, publishes an updated version of his 1978 autobiography on March 20.

The £16.99 hardback, published by John Wiley, tells his rags-to-riches life story, from childhood poverty and his early working years flogging Aga cookers to nuns in Scotland to his

launching of the profitable O&M.

It also includes some revealing extras about the 85-year-old Ogilvy, who now lives in a 14th-century château in Bonnes. France. These include his favourite words (such as egregious, nubile and ragamuffin),

his favourite recipes (mushroom soup and honey ice-cream) and his favourite friends (the Duke of Edinburgh. Eleanor Roosevelt and a conspicuously small number of

ONE of the most memorable advertising jingles bites the dust from today, as Jacob's Bakery unveils a new campaign for Club biscuits minus its familiar signature tune. The slogan "If you like a lot of

chocolate on your biscuit join our Club" was created in 1982. Jacob's Bakery's new agency, Euro RSCG Wneck Gosper, has created a hightech campaign which breaks tonight. Sources say it reflects the new "hightech" Club biscuit, with 15 per cent more chocolate and an improved centre. Nothing is sacred, it seems.

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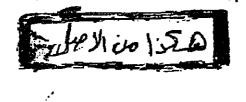
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Two young and ambitious correspondents have their eyes

> he real battle in the coming election will not be between Major and Blair, nor even Portillo and Redwood, but Sopel and Vine. Their names may be only hazily familiar but the faces and voices of BBC political correspondents Jon Sopel and Jeremy Vine have insinuated themselves into the public consciousness and are likely to become more prominent as this intermina-ble election campaign reaches its anti-climax.

on the BBC's

top political

Michael Gove

post, says

Both, like Tory leadership contenders, will be using the an unfair whispering campaign. The job they have their The incumbent, Robin Oakley, respect of colleagues in the parliamentary lobby for the ty of his prose, scrupulous

Oakley inherited the herringbone mantle of political editor from John Cole. Cole is England's favourite Ulsterman and the voice the nation turned to in crisis, from Westland to the fall of Thatcher, to be informed of the latest perfidy in a suitably authorita-tive fashion which still had bite - Reith with teeth. When Oakley replaced Cole, as another painstaking reporter with Fleet Street battle honours, he sought to emulate Cole's style.

But ever since Oakley arrived at the Beeb he has been. like Juninho at Middlesbrough, a classy player underappreciated by those around him. There was resentment among the corporation's older sweats that the post of political editor had gone to someone whose background was in print, not broadcasting. Many Beeb insiders would have preferred Cole's dogged depuchief political corres-



The BBC's political team has already attracted the wrong sort of attention this week with an attack on the Corporation's alleged Blairite bias from Tory communicafions director Charles Lewington in The Sunday Telegraph. Both Sopel and Vine might have been in Lewington's mind. The former has written an accessible and broadly sympathetic biography of the Labour leader, the latter is an energetic muscular Christian in the mould of Mr Blair. But, whatever affinities with the Labour leader either might have, the minds of these two consummate professionals during the election will not be directed towards promoting anyone other than themselves.

election campaign to position themselves for a job where no vacancy currently exists but whose holder is the victim of eye on is the most prestigious reporting post in broadcasting political editor of the BBC. who used to fill the same post on this newspaper, enjoys the range of his knowledge, quali-

> pondent John Sergeant, to succeed. Some shows, such as The World at One, still prefer to have "Sargie" provide political commentary in his fireside tones. Oakley has proved an authoritative broadcaster but that has not quelled the critics. There are rumours that after the election elements within the BBC will try to ease Oakley out and the race is already on among his juniors to succeed him. Sopel and Vine are the two most obvious contenders, notable for their ambition. ability and determination to develop a new style of political

broadcasting. The whispers against Oaklev have been formented by a BBC faction who feel that his calm, detached, rational style does not have the breathless appeal of his ITN opposite

number, Michael Brunson. While News at Ten has eased itself off the Olympian heights and into the middle market, Brunson has kept the

profile of politics high by adopting a more populist style. His formidable form. mackintoshed against the wind has become as permanent a fixture in the nightly bulletin as Big Ben. The ITN political editor has managed to carve a suitably large niche for himself with a willingness to preface his reports with a punchy: "In this leak I have

just been handed. Trevor.' The direct style, coupled with some genuine exclusives. has impressed some BBC executives who believe politics needs to be dramatised to engage the 1990s audience.

Sopel and Vine satisfy that appetite. Presenters as much as reporters, with Sopel a regular on PM and Vine on Five Live, they have cultivated their own personalities as assiduously as lobby contacts.

They tread subtly different populist paths. Vine has made imaginative use of broadcast resources to grab the audience's attention. One radio report which has been raised to mythic status began with the sound of blades being whented in a kehah shop and after a few seconds of bloodchilling effects Vine's voice broke in to the effect that "The knives being sharpened here in Stavros's Grill are as nothing to those being unsheathed in Central Office ... Vine's

reports delight in arresting metaphors, visual and audio. opel's style is more matter, less art. He has thrust himself to the attention of BBC executives with an aggressive approach to story-getting which has unsettled more traditional political journalists. He has acquired a reputation as one of the most lethal lunchers in the lobby. Recently. Sopel entertained the Chan-

cellor in the three Michelin star splendour of Nico at

World at One, a detailed and explosive sketch of Clarke's mind was broadcast. The quotations attributed to those close to Clarke could not have been more clearly from the horse's mouth.

If there was any doubt as to Supel's source, the presence of Shadow Environment Secretary Frank Dobson in the same restaurant that lunchtime ensured that the truth would out. Sopel's rush to the studio with his scoop, and the ease with which the source was uncovered, distressed old lobby hands who guard the identity of their informants more closely than the Stasi. His coup, however, earned Sopel the admiration of execu-

rives in the Beeb. For those who want a change at the top there was icing on the Chez Nico cake --Frank Dobson's lunch partner

was Robin Oakley. The BBC political editor was scooped by Ninety. A day later, on The his junior.

is bound to hurt people Fact spells friction when it comes to docudramas, says Patricia Holland

When truth

ndoubtedly, if a drama on television or in the cinema is preceded by the caption "this is a true story", viewers will gather in greater numbers and with a heightened eagerness. If No Child of Mine, the docudrama of a young girl abused by her family and the care system. had been a fictional Film on Four, it would hardly have whipped its critics into such a passionate frenzy as we saw in the press last week.

It's OK to imagine the dreadful things that undoubtedly happen occasionally. It's quite different to document them in a drama. This was confirmed by the director, Peter Kosminsky, bruised by the hostile reaction to his film, in a debate on docudramas hosted by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts on Monday. Since the BBC

banned The War Game, and Cathy Come Home came under attack for confusing fact and fiction, mentary form on television has rubbed people up the wrong way — especially those whose complacency is shaken such films' troublesome

images which claim to be "the truth". True very slippery slope. Cinema stories also have consequences in the real world, even when film-makers guarantee anonymity to their subjects. "If I had known that two newspapers would try to track the girl down, I probably wouldn't have made it," said Kosminsky. "It has been a dreadful week for her and

In the Bafta debate, programme makers from documentary and drama backgrounds circled the issue of fidelity to the facts. It could be, as Charles McDougall, director of Granada's Hillsborough, pointed out, that the least credible things are true. "Some material we saw was too disgusting to put on television, even late at night," he said. In the words of Jim Sheridan, writer of In the Name of the Father, which dramatised for the cinema the lives of Gerry and Guiseppe Conlon, wrongly jailed for the IRA Birmingham bombing, "things don't happen as documentary as you think". For Michael Mansfield QC, who has been closely involved in exposing miscarriages of justice, the detail is less important in such dramas than the expression of a truth that is unpalatable to the authorities. "We live in a society where vision and principle have evaporated, and we need people with courage who will produce this sort of

For him, In the Name of the Father has an inner truth. This is the truth of commitment, for these are all dramas with a conscience. They set out to right wrongs, to expose the reality of a situation, to express a passionate partisanship what the best of television has done in memorable programmes from Cathy Come Home through to

Who Bombed Birmingham and Why Lockerbie. And yet ... If events are changed and chronologies

shifted for dramatic effect, if some events are overlooked and others amalgamated, an unsympathetic critic courage may point out to produce sertions will lose credibility. Any departure from

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beginning of a offers greater scope for this. For instance, In the Name of the Father would have run into problems on television, where lawyers have the final say on a programme's content. David Aukin, C4's head of drama, described how "dictats come down from offices I don't normally speak to" for a drama which is based on fact, such as the upcoming Welcome to Sarajevo, which deals with the experiences of reporter Michael Nicholson and his bid to rescue a child from

besieged city. The Hillsborough team felt that the involvement of lawyers was no bad thing. The checking and rechecking meant that the victims' families could be sure that the programme represented their views.

They said:"We didn't change anything for artistic reasons, and we didn't get too precious about our art. It is possible to make a programme which is true to the facts and still maintain your dramatic integrity."





Oakley's future will prove a

pointer to the BBC's future

direction — he is a canary in

the corporation corridors. If he

survives then so will a commit-

ment to traditional political

reporting. If he is eased aside,

a more assertive tone will

replace the measured ca-

dences on which the nation

has come to rely.

Old and new: Britain's favourite Ulsterman John Cole (left) was replaced by Robin Oakley; inset (from top) Vine, Sopel and Sergeant

Biting the hand that feeds them

s the Saturday and taurants. There are several Sunday newspapers demonstrate, it is no longer considered un-English to show an interest in food. When The Times joined with restaurants last year to offer lunch for a fiver, more than 40,000 readers responded. So strious newspapers can no longer afford to be without star restaurant critics who eat for England and their editors.

As A A Gill, who manages to eat out and watch television for a living with The Sunday Times, puts it "I cat foie gras to put bread on the family table." The newest recruit to the ranks, who does not have the same worries as A A Gill. is the newly ennobled Lord Lloyd-Webber, who writes about the restaurants he visits in The Daily Telegraph on Saturdays.

So when novelist Will Self, restaurant critic of The Observer, bowed out last Sunday, he was given star billing on the front page of the Review. He solved the problem of how to end it all by eating two lunches on the same day, one at McDonald's on London's King's Road, the other at Pierre Koffmann's La Tante Claire, one of London's three Michelin three star resplays or travelling to the

sorts of restaurant critic. Some seek simply to show off their wit and deverness, some seek to inform, and some manage to do both. Self was becoming one of them. As he munched manfully through his hamburger at McDonald's, followed by a lobster bisque and cote de boeuf sauce vigneronne at Tante Claire, he couldn't resist adding Proustian touches. His companion was sur-

prised to find his nuggets tasting of chicken at all, even if the flavour, according to Self, was effectively a reminiscence, a kind of "Ou sont les nuggets d'Antan?" experience. His bisque was so thick and creamy it looked more like the surface of Neptune than a soup. As his two lunches ended, he picked at the smallest madeleine he had ever seen - "à la recherche du milliseconds perdus". The

meal cost £194.20. There are some jobs in journalism which arouse universal envy. Television and theatre critics get used to being told what cushy jobs they have. So do restaurant critics and travel editors. And yes, eating out, watching



Caribbean are fun - but the writing is neither easy nor fun. Delivering a thousand words overnight is hard work and if the words aren't witty or full of useful information a writer will soon be fired.

After years of writing the restaurant column in The Spectator, Nigelia Lawson found that eating out was no longer a treat. Her palate had become so jaded that she took a six-month sabbatical. Her successor, David Fingleton, takes notes as he eats and asks for the menu when he leaves. Last week he investigated

Marco Pierre White's three latest London restaurants. He was uncovered by White as he made his notes and was offered a free drink after the meal. It made no difference to his verdicts. At the Criterion. the £89.49 bill seemed "excessive" for "unremarkable" cooking: at Quo Vadis in Soho the wines were "ludicrously

over-priced" and the hill of £109.41 "outrageous".

Marco Pierre White's reputation is now so high - Gill rates him as the best cook in Britain — that Fingleton's verdict may not affect his bookings. But restaurant critics undoubtedly have power to make or break restaurants. A rave review from any one critic - Jonathan Meades in The Times. Fay Maschler in the Evening Standard, Lloyd-Webber in the Telegraph. Fingleton in The Spectator or Gill in The Sunday Times delivers a packed restaurant.

The critics themselves are more modest about their power. Meades's experience, certainly outside London, is that it is unlikely that a damning review can close a restaurant. Gill thinks that word of mouth is the most important ingredient in a restaurant's success - though taken seriously."

that can be swelled by a rave review in a newspaper.

Meades, who is a pretty good cook himself, is more worried that restaurant critics should know about their food and how to cook. Editors would not tolerate a music critic who knew nothing about music. So they should not tolerate restaurant critics who don't know the difference hetween a beurre blane and a hollandaise.

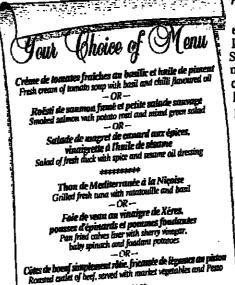
Meades is glad that writers rather than food buffs are writing restaurant reviews but detects a danger that as restaurant critics become star turns, writers will be employed simply to entertain. The job. however, is to inform as well as entertain. "Purely to entertain is insulting to the reader and the chef." That criticism cannot be

applied to the doyenne of the trade, Fay Maschler, who has been a critic of London restaurants for more than 20 years. Her star rating has been recognised by a succession of editors, including her present editor, Max Hastings, "Food has become an increasingly important part of journalism," he says. "Fay has a huge following and what she says is



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Major takes the may out of May

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Labour has ditched its pledge to restore free eye and dental checks under the NHS. Party aides said the question of charges would be reviewed if Labour wins the electionPage 2

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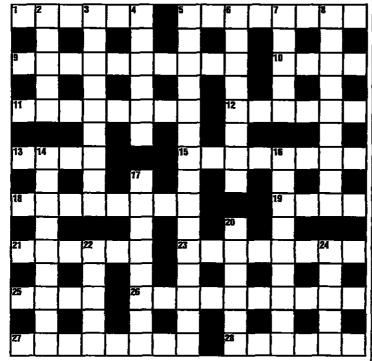
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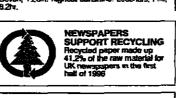
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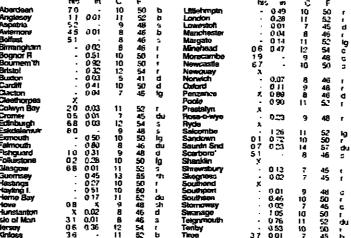
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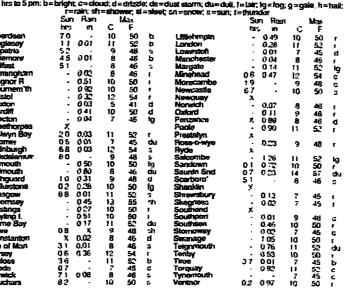
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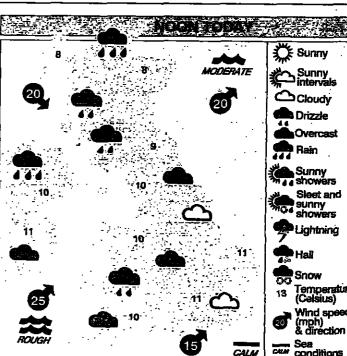


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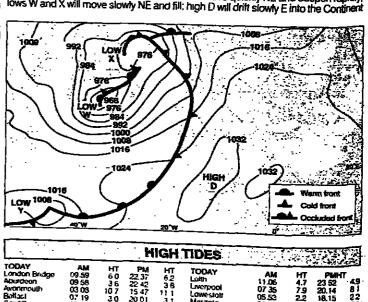
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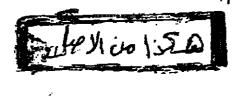
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Halifax cash pile points to second payout

HALIFAX Building Society, which converts to a bank in June, is awash with cash and needs to dispense with more than £3 billion of surplus capital reserves, it revealed yesterday.

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Even before it floats the society is considering opening the coffers to its 8.5 million new shareholders, either via a special dividend or a share

buyback programme. Announcing Halifax's annual results yesterday, Roger Boyes, group finance director, . said the society's capital structure was inappropiate for its future. He said: The money is broadly invested in the money markets where it is not getting a huge return. The task of the

Pledge by Honda on **British** operations

By Oliver August

HONDA, the Japanese automobile group, has re jected recent criticism of the British Government by other foreign investors and said it will keep its UK operations even if Britain opts out of the European single currency. Kentaro Kato, the Euro-

pean executive vice-president in charge of manufacturing said: "We operate in many countries. which means in every part of the world we try to avoid currency fluctua-tions. Therefore, there is no intention to change investment strategy if they join or not."

He emphasised that overall manufacturing costs were not particularly high in Europe. Higher than average costs at the Swindon plant were due to the fact that the plant had not been fully written down rather than currency problems. "The comparative costs are at a slight disadvantage because it's new," Mr Kato said.

Senior executives at Siemens, Unilever and Toyota have recently given warnings of the adverse consequences of staying out of monetary union because damaging currency fluctuations could in-crease in Britain while they would decrease in Europe.

Mr Kato said that Honda's sales in Europe were growing strongly after the company sold 200,000 cars in 1996. Its Civic and Accord models are mainly responsible for the sales rise.

board is to enhance the returns on the money. We cannot rule out returning capital to shareholders. The alternative is to find new ways. either through acquisitions or by investing in organic growth and our existing businesses."

Halifax has built up £6.87 billion of capital reserves, giving it a tier I ratio of 14 per cent, double that of most banks and three times the level required by the Bank of England. Although it has de-clined to enter the fray for Scottish Amicable, Halifax could fund bids for companies as diverse as Northern Rock, Allied Irish, Friends Provident, Perpetual and Mercury Asset Management.

Gren Folwell, deputy chief executive, said that he would introduce a loyalty scheme to ensure an even higher level of support from private shareholders than at Abbey National, which has retained a 45 per cent retail shareholder base since its conversion.

The prospect of a further windfall could tempt a high number of Halifax members to hang on to their shares, barring the entry of institutional investors, such as tracker funds, into the FT-SE 100listed stock.

Ian Morley, head of deriva-tives at John Govett, said that illiquidity in Halifax shares would cause some tracking error but that holders would sell shares eventually thereby easing the situation.

Analysts raised concerns about the company's direction as it revealed a modest 6.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £1.43 billion. Despite spending

£626 million on discounts and cash incentives Halifax saw its share of net new mortgage lending slipped to 11 per cent (£2 billion), compared with its 20 per cent stake of all mortgage stock.

Halifax said that in the first half it had withdrawn from the intensely competitive remortgaging market. In total it made 210,000 loans, including 70,000 to first-time buyers. with 70 per cent of loans on an interest-only basis backed by endowments or Peps.

Similarly, its share of new liquid savings was 7 per cent (£2.4 billion), well off its 16 per cent presence in personal sector liquid assets.

However, personal loans rew £182 million to £1.09 billion. Profits were also hit by the additional £298 million costs of merging with the Leeds Building Society and conversion expenses, which had reached £153 million. Jon Foulds, chairman, said

the results showed Halifax was en route to being the UK's leading provider of personal financial services.

However, one analyst said Halifax should reduce diversification and refocus on the core mortgage and lending businesses. "With the righ capital structure Halifax is saying it could make a capital return of 25 per cent on its core markets. If so, it would do better to concentrate here, although it will probably have to make acquisitions and offer something to shareholders to mop up the excessively high level of reserves."

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Looking up: Robert Peel, chief executive of Thistle Hotels, wants to open 2,000 new rooms a year. Profits before tax and exceptional charges for the year to the end of December rose 73 per cent to £60 million on sales up 8.5 per cent Page 27

Bid battle likely for Littlewoods store chain

By Jon Ashworth

ANALYSTS predicted a bidding scramble after retailing group, confirmed it has put its 135-strong chain of stores up for sale. Asda and Tesco were immediately tipped as front-runners for the outlets, which are expected to fetch £500 million or more.

The move, which follows a long period of turbulence at Britain's biggest private com-pany, would allow Littlewoods to focus on its home shopping interests. Earlier this year the company, which is controlled by descendants of Sir John Moores, announced plans to buy Freemans from Sears for £395 million. The deal is under review by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Details emerged as Littlewoods announced interim pre-tax profits of £112.1 million (£97.3 million) in the year to December 31. Group retail sales rose 8.5 per cent to £1.8 billion, but the impact of the National Lottery left overall sales 1.3 per cent lower at £2.3 billion. The leisure division saw turnover tumble to £459 million (£631 million). Littlewoods has changed its year end, and the results for the 16 months to April 1997 will be published in July.

The company had planned to invest heavily in its stores, creating 3,000 jobs, but the project was scrapped and Bob Willett resigned as head of the

Bill Huntly, chief executive of Littlewoods, said: "We have had a plan in place for some time and we were showing year-on-year improvement in sales and profitability, but last year's improvement wasn't as much as we expected."

Asda and Tesco aside, analysts speculated on a possible bid from Marks & Spencer to safeguard its market share.

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Misery

Long-suffering commuters on the notorious "misery line" into London's Fenchurch Street station are to gain from the first big order of new passenger trains since British Rail privatisation in a deal announced yesterday by Prism, the franchise holder Page 26

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Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group warned the stock market of another year of tough trading in America.

Power firms face £1.5bn pension bill

POWER COMPANIES face a £1.5 billion bill if a landmark decision by the Pensions Ombudsman is upheld, according to a union representing 30,000 electricity workers. This is a third higher than previous estimates and could thwart Labour's plans for a windfall tax on the industry and endanger thousands of jobs.

Julian Farrand, the ombudsman, last month ordered National Grid to repay £46.3 mil-lion of surpluses that it took from the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme in 1992. The company is expected this week to launch an appeal in the High Court against David Laws and Reg Mayes, former employees who complained to Dr Farrand.

Trustees of the National Grid pension fund met on Monday and are also expected to appeal against the ombudsman's verdict of "innocent maladministration".

However, Tony Cooper, general secretary of the Engineers and Managers Association. 10 which Mr Laws and Mr Mayes belong, expressed regret that the cases had been brought. Refunding Mr Cooper's esti-

mate of £1.5 billion would take most of the electricity pension funds over Inland Revenue limits on pension benefits. The result would be either losing the surpluses or their taxstatus, he said. Forcing power companies to pay back the money would cost jobs and encourage them to switch from final salary schemes to lessgenerous money purchase plans. If the court overturned Dr Farrand's decision, it would probably confer full control of pension surpluses on the companies. "We are in a no-win situation." he said.

Dollar rally lifts shares to record

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

A RALLYING dollar helped London and several other European stock markets to record highs vesterday, and also helped to push sterling to its highest level against the mark for 53 months.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 50.6 points higher, at 4.357.7. just above the record set on February 19. The pound's effective index jumped to a close of 48.5 from Monday's finish at 98.0. rising two ofennigs to DM2.7688 during the session. The dollar hit a peak of DM1.7138, its best evel for 34 months. German shares also profit-

ed from dollar strength, which should encourage exporters. In Frankfurt, the DAX index closed in fresh territory above 3,300 points. in car shares. The dollar is profiting part-

hunsted particularly by a rally

ly from the view that the American economy may be strengthening and that the argument for higher US interest rates is becoming more compelling. Yesterday's American economic statistics supported this view, with sales of new homes in January jumping to the highest

level for nearly Il years. In addition, the Conference Board, a leading business research group, said its index of leading indicators designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months ahead. jumped 0.3 per cent in January, its biggest increase for eight months. This added to Monday's survey by American purchasing managers. which showed that manufacturing activity had accelerated in February.

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MFI value slides on winter warning



SHARES in MFI lost 21 per cent of their value yesterday after the furniture retailer gave warning that growth in sales has almost halved in the key winter sales period.

The company said that revenue growth had fallen to 7.3 per cent over the last lo weeks. against the 15.7 per cent growth achieved in the six months to October. The shares fell 4012p, to 1564p, -their lowest level in more than a year - wiping £241 million from MFI's market value. John Randall, chief execu-

tive, said that the company

had no idea what was causing

the slowdown. He said: "The

growth in our first half came

By Fraser Nelson

virtually out of nowhere. I couldn't tell what had caused that increase, and I'm not sure now why it has gone down."

Mr Randall said that MFI would have been well placed to gain from any growth in spending. "The husiness is in much better shape than it was last time," he said. "If there was something out there. I can see no reason why we should not have our fair share of it." Although the Homeworks

MFI stores traded well in the quarter, sales slipped in unconverted MIT stores, still the majority of the UK portfolio. The 99 stores in France lifted

revenue by 10.7 per cent on a domestic level, but this became a decline of 7.2 per cent after conversion to sterling. The City was stunned by the

warning, and analysts marked MFI profit forecasts from £90 million to £76 million. A Charterhouse Tilney analyst said: "We were looking at January and February with a great deal of optimism. Now we see that improvement in the housing market is not following through into consumer spending. Joe Public has not exactly got his hands stuck in his pockets, but it seems he is not spending money doing up his house."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BOEING, the world's leading aerospace manufacturer,

sector now effectively operates as a duopoly, with a 70-30 split in Boeing's favour. The Asia-Pacific region will see the

strongest growth over the next two decades, which has led both Airbus and Boeing to look for Asian partners.

Freepages raises £43m

FREEPAGES, operator of a toll-free classified phone directory, raised a net £43.1 million through the sale of new

ordinary shares and American depository receipts. The

sterling placing price was set at 47.5p, while the price of the ADRs, which are equivalent to 20 ordinary shares, was \$15.39. The ADRs will trade on the Nasdaq market. The new

money will be used to fund joint ventures, including an agreement with VNU of The Netherlands, to introduce the

Pendragon lifts payout

Freepages service to the Benelux countries.

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New trains for suffering 'misery line' passengers

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

muters on the notorious *misery line" into Fenchurch Street station in London are to gain from the first big order of new passenger trains since British Rail privatisation.

The £200 million contract for a fleet of 44 electric, 100 mph. air-conditioned trains capable of reducing journey times by up to 10 per cent, was announced yester-day by Prism, the company that took over the London. Tilbury and Southend (LTS) franchise last year.

It brings to an end one of the

Holliday has sights set on US

HOLLIDAY CHEMICAL the speciality chemicals group, reported an increase in pre-tax profits to £16.1 million (£15.4 million) in the year to December 31, and said it had made rapid ceutical division.

The company is seeking access to the US market for ranitidine, a generic drug that the company is able to sell elsewhere but not in the US because of patent protection.

There was good growth in sales and profits from pigments, but intense competition saw dyestuffs suffer a sharp fall in turnover and profits.

Earnings per share rose to 10.5p (10.4p) and the dividend increased 0.25p to 5.25p. The shares rose 8p yesterday to 134p.

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The LTS line came to symbolise the rundown state of Britain's railways during the years before privatisation when passengers were forced to endure crowded, unreliable journeys on some of the oldest trains still in regular use in the industrialised world.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, wel-comed the order as further evidence of the good news which rail privatisation is bringing passengers".

However, critics of the selloff said it was possible only because the Government had inflated the subsidy to the new private rail companies for political reasons.

Keith Bill, national secretary of Save Our Railways, a pressure group, said: "Prism is not spending a single penny of its shareholders' money. It's all coming from the taxpayer. The new private companies have been given double the amount of subsidy that British Rail received, and it's from that money that this leasing order comes

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The order is expected to be followed by many more from other privatised firms. They will come only just in time to save the rapidly dwindling British train manufacturing industry, which has been starved of work during the upheavals caused privatisation.



Filling in: Paul Rackam, managing director of Waste Recycling, and Tim Walsh, the landfill director, celebrate a rise in pre-tax profits to £4.1 million, from £3.1 million. Earnings rose 21 per cent to 8.1p, for a 33 per cent increase in the total dividend to 2p.

opened for competition. pre-

ceded by the South West last

April and Dorset and Avon on

February 10. New figures

from TransCo. the BG pipe-

line company, show that 22,000 of the half-million Dor-

set and Avon customers have

now defected, up 6,000 since

be intense on the South Coast,

Competition is expected to

February 21.

Rivals put pressure on Centrica

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

Tories plan European index of labour costs

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government wants to stablish a precise measure of labour costs across Europe. hoping to demonstrate the value of the UK's flexible job market. Preparatory work for what is being called an "RPI for labour" is under way.

Ministers emphasise that for every £100 in wage costs. non-wage costs like social benefits add a further £15 in Britain, £31 in Germany, £33 in Spain, E41 in France and as much as E44 in Italy. They believe awareness of such figures has helped to increase business and general concern about Labour's proposal to abandon the opt-out from the

But they are dissatisfied that Britain has no figures to match this data, which comes from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, so they are keen to take part in a programme, supported by the European Commission's statistical arm Eurostat, to establish a European-wide labour cost index, which would allow for direct comparisons of employment costs between all EU member

tion. Yesterday, Centrica of-

fered a further 6 per cent cut in

prices for customers in the

South West who pay by direct

debit, in an effort to stem

cherry-picking" of these prof-

itable consumers by rivals.

The new tariff offers a 12 per

cent discount, twice that avail-

able nationally.

Boeing expects boom in aircraft orders

expects to achieve its highest-ever monthly output at the end of this year, producing 40 planes a month in the autumn. The group hired more than 20,000 people last year to cater for the increase in demand. Boeing forecasts an aircraft boom, last seen in 1980s. Over the next 20 years, the total number of jet planes will group from 11500 or 22 600 giving rise to order planes will grow from 11,500 to 23,600, giving rise to orders totalling \$1.1 billion. According to Boeing's Current Market Outlook document world air travel will grow 5 per cent annually. Airbus, the European consortium that includes British Aerospace, will be the other main beneficiary from this boom. The aerospace

Government ministers believe that the policy of promoting greater labour market flexibility is paying off both in the number of inward investment companies setting up in the UK, and in estimates of Britain's relative labour cost advantage over other European countries.

European social chapter.

PENDRAGON, the car dealer, raised pre-tax profits from £11.3 million to £12.6 million in the year to December 31. Earnings rose from 19.7p to 21.7p and the final dividend is 10 per cent higher at 6.6p, taking the total to 9.9p. Trevor Finn, chief executive, said demand for luxury cars remained strong and many new products have long waiting lists. Contract hire remained a strong contributor and earnings from financial products would increase "as the sale of cars and payment packages become more closely aligned."

Unigate £14m shake-up

UNIGATE, the dairy products group, is to make a provision of up to £14 million in the first half to cover the cost of streamlining its British margarines and spreads operations. The action follows a review in the wake of the acquisition of the Vitalite and Golden Churn yellow fats business from Kraft in August 1996. The St Ivel Hemyock factory in Devon is to be closed within the next 18 months, although Unigate hopes to relocate the 160 workers to other sites within the group. The shares remained unchanged at 455p:

Greenalls restructures

GREENALLS Group is to take a £7.3 million exceptional charge against the cost of merging two pub and restaurant divisions, resulting in the loss of around 100 jobs. it was announced yesterday. The company is merging Premier House, which comprises 175 branded pub restaurants, with Greenalls Inns Retail, the 920-strong chain of managed houses. In addition, 245 managed houses will be transferred from Greenalls Inns Retail to Inn Partnership, the group's franchised and tenanted pub operation. Tempus, page 28

Southern News up 40%

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS lifted pre-tax profit 40 per cent to £8.2 million from £5.8 million in the six months to December 28. The regional publishing and printing business was helped by an exceptional gain of £4.1 million, relating to a property disposal. James Sexton, chief executive, said Southern was looking to make further acquisitions. It bought 15 titles from United News & Media for £31.5 million in November. An interim dividend of 5p (4.5p) is due on April 1 from earnings, excluding exceptionals, of 17.07p (15.99p).

Wetherspoon advances

JD WETHERSPOON, the public house group, expects to raise capital spending in the second half of the year to July 1997. Over the full year, the figure is likely to be about £52 million. The company, which opened 18 pubs in the six months to the end of January, expects to open a further 22 in the second half, bringing its total to 186. Interim figures for the six months to January 1997 show a 46 per cent rise in pretax profits to £8.1 million on sales 44 per cent ahead at £65 million. The interim dividend rises from 3.1p to 3.4p a share.

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FROM RICHARD THOMSON

FRESH hope of a renewed diamond deal with Russia emerged yesterday when De Beers, the South African diamond group, said it had held "constructive" talks with the Russian diamond authorities over a long-standing dia-

mond supply contract. Russia pulled out of De Beers' Central Selling Organisation (CSO) on January I. threatening to flood Western markets with cheap gems.

where price cuts have been

offered by, among others, ScottishPower, which owns

the local Southern Water utili-

ty, East Midlands Electricity's Sterling Gas and Calortex,

which links Calor and Texaco.

than 95,000 of the half-million

gas households have now

switched, compared with

29,000 at the start of competi-

talks with

Russians

By Jon Ashworth

In the South West, more

Record sales by the CSO. which controls about 75 per cent of the rough diamond market, helped to lift total combined carnings at De Beers to \$1.34 billion (\$986 million) in 1996. Earnings per share rose to 354 US cents (259 cents). The group increased its dividend by 10.5 per cent to 102.7 cents a share.

Sales of rough diamonds by the CSO were 7 per cent higher in 1996, at \$4.83 billion (\$4.53 billion). Second-half sales were affected by the continued "leakage" of Russian 2cms.

De Beers in | ADT rejects improved bid terms

ADT, the world's largest home security and car auctions group, has rejected an improved takeover offer from Western Resources, its largest shareholder. Western, a utility company

based in Kansas, raised the cash element of its bid by onethird to \$10 from \$7.5 per share, although the total value of its offer remained broadly unchanged at \$22.5 a share. worth a total of \$3.5 billion. ADT said the offer re-

mained inadequate and that there was no good strategic fit with Western, which plans to sell ADT's car auction business, worth about \$450 million, if it wins its bid. Michael Ashcroft, ADT chairman, said: "We understand why a slow growth Kansas utility thinks it would benefit from buying a high growth international electronic security services company but fail to see any compelling reason why ADT shareholders would benefit from such an alliance."

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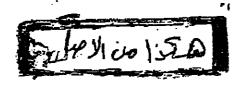
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THE Duchess of Windsor was wrong. It is perfectly possible to be too rich or too thin. No one could accuse the Halifax, the

country's biggest building society, of being too thin. But it does seem to be suffering an embarrassment of riches.

The Bank of England lays down guidelines on how much

banks must have put away for a rainy day. This, simply, is ex-pressed as the relationship be-

tween assets, and what would be

left in the coffers once all debts

were paid off and all loans called

among whose number it will be

Thus to earn the returns the

market expects, the Halifax must divest itself of £3 billion. This

may seem weirdly reminiscent of those 1980s dinner party

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were paid off and all loans called in. It is designed to prevent reputable banks — such as Barings, say — going bust.

Don't be so cynical. The Halifax's balance sheet shows total assets adjusted for the relative risk they carry of almost £50 billion. Tier 1 capital, the cash potentially left over, stands at £6.9 billion, or 14 per cent of that total, twice the figure regarded as necessary by the Bank. So the necessary by the Bank. So the Halifax's return on capital is running at 12 to 13 per cent, about half that of those banks

floring of more goodies after flotation, in the form of special dividends or share buy-backs, is the last thing the company or the City needs. An 8.5 million-strong shareholder list all refusing to sell would be a nightmare to administer, while the lack of new equity being issued means inequity being issued means in-stitutions would be starved of stock. Great news for members, though, as this will force the price higher in the after-market even before the buy-back or dividend arrives.

One must marvel at the topsy-turvy logic that forces a business

conversations about how vital it was to have the biggest mortgage you could possibly afford, but it is the way banking works.

Halifax could spend the money to buy market share, by enhancing returns to savers and was to have the biggest mortgage you could possibly afford, but it is the way banking works.

Halifax could spend the money on an acquisition, which explains the queue of hopeful merchant bankers now forming outside its head offices. But prices for other societies and life insurers have run out of control

enhancing returns to savers and providing good rates to lenders.

The Halifax spent £600 million on just this last year, in the form of cash-backs and discounted mortgage rates. The excess cash should be good for at least, another, five years. The insurers have run out of control. Hence the talk about "repatriating" the cash to members.

The trouble here is that any promise of more goodies after least another five years. The trouble is, the new shareholders would never stand for it. You have to be a mutual to get away with that sort of thing.

Littlewoods boxes clever

☐ THEY will deny it, but our grocers, despite being in one of the most profitable businesses on Earth, are all locked in the British Box. We may not yet have reached satiation in our desire for new supermarkets, but we are not far off it. Just as the ideal location for a pub is about three streets away from where you

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☐ Dilemma for our mutual friend ☐ A way forward for one British grocer ☐ Gas gets more competitive

Too much Xtra at the Halifax



live, the ideal supermarket is a couple of miles away. Anything nearer is in Our Back Yard.

This means any attempt to build new superstores will be met by a stern response from John Gummer at the Depart-ment of the Environment, take months, nay years, and cost a bomb. But the City is so accustomed to profits growth that any suggestion of a mere slowdown, as we have seen this year, has the analysts reaching for their red pencils. This is why Tesco is trying to read the road signs in Czech and Hungarian, and Marks & Spencer is so keen on Australia and home shopping.

They are all looking at financial services, heaven help them.

Now Littlewoods offers an

immediate way out of the British
Box — 135 shops, three quarters
of them in prime high street
locations, but for one buyer only alas. Ideal for medium-sized food stores selling high-margin pre-pared food, leaving the grotty commodity stuff to the super-stores on the edge of town. Exactly the market that Marks has pioneered, come to think of it, and available to Tesco or Asda at a very reasonable £500 mil-

at a very reasonable 1500 fill-lion, or to Marks if it wants to head off the competition. So goes the sales pitch. Think of your local Littlewoods, and you might balk at that prime location description, but estate agents have never kept a strict regard for truth. Whatever hap-ness this is the most exciting pens, this is the most exciting shake-up in retail for years, and it will either provide the Moores family with the cash for Free-mans, the MMC willing, or for another round of fratricidal legal bickering. Just one doubt arises:

this is the personal initiative of James Ross, the new chairman at Littlewoods out of Cable and Wireless. The family has never shown much patience with outsiders, and the plan might not survive him. An early viewing of the stores is recommended.

Picking cherries in the spring

□ COMPETITION in household gas was meant to be as heavily stacked against the old British Gas as it was in the industrial market. Instead of cumbersome restrictions, nowever, the idea was that the former monopoly would be hogged by the long-term contracts it had signed to buy gas at well above today's market price.

British Gas needed to maximise revenue in remaining monopoly areas as long as it could. So the only rule needed to promote rivals in pilot markets was to stop it charging prices below the national tariff unless

there is full competition. Centrica, divorced from the rest of British Gas, has little future without customers and so is not much prepared to sit back and lose them. In the South West, competition is proving more vigorous than first thought. In the streetwise southern stock-broker belt, more powerful competitors such as Scottish Power can hope to make even bigger inroads. Hence Centrica's attempt to stem defections of bigger South West customers, claiming competition is now self-

sustaining there.
As the Gas Consumers Council notes, Centrica is stoking up expectations elsewhere. Whatever Ofgas decides, the real message for those about to be buried under a blizzard of junk mail from its competitors is: you don't have to switch, because Centrica will cut prices as soon as it is allowed. If Centrica can exchange its bad contracts for its gas assets, it should be able to adjust its national tariff in the light of experience.

The result is not entirely welcome. When everyone picks cherries, poorer customers will have to pay more, as doubters have long predicted. That is an inevitable, if unpleasant side-

General Accident to lift payout 10% despite profit fall

GENERAL ACCIDENT announced plans to increase its dividend by more than 10 per cent yesterday and ruled out growth in the life division."

Overall, the contribution the acquisition of a UK life company, saying that it intends to concentrate instead on building up Provident

Mutual. The shares rose 10½p to 847½p despite a £15 million fall in full-year profits to £421 million. The results included a contribution of £18 million, net of reorganisation costs of £16 million, from Provident Mutual, the mutual life insurer bought by GA in Janu-

ary 1996.

Bob Scott, chief executive, said he wants to build up the group's life and pensions operations, and the 20al is t increase the proportion of life earnings to a level that covers dividends every year. The proportion of dividend proportion covered by net life earnings

in 1996 was 44 per cent.

Mr Scott ruled out any major acquisitions in the drive to expand the business and said that he has no interest in bidding for Scottish Amicable, the mutual life insurer currently being courted by Prudential, AMP and Abbey National. He said: "At the present time there is nothing wrong with organic

from life operations increased 37 per cent to E)08 million. There will be a final dividend of 22.85p per share, making a total of 34.25p for the year, a 10.5 per cent increase. At the end of December the net asset per share was 675p, although Mr Scott said the stock's current net asset value is 734p.
The results are slightly bet-



Scott: ruled out acquisitions

ter than the City had expected

capital, estimated at £1 billion. Mr Scott said that GA has a "progressive dividend policy" and added: "As far as dividends are concerned, each year will be treated on its own

and GA will now be under

pressure to return to share-

holders some of its surplus

Meanwhile, personal motor insurance rates look set to rise across the industry as GA, in common with other insurers. plans to increase premiums by more than 3 per cent from April I. Mr Scott is likely to make further adjustments in July. He said GA achieved 2-3 per cent rises in rates last year. although some customers ave deserted as a resul

merits."

The company's worldwide underwriting deficit for the full year increased from £130 million to £212 million. This rise was because of increased competition in the United Kingdom and weather-related osses in America. In total. veather losses were up from around £100 million in 1995 to £130 million in 1996.

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Ladbroke closing property division

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

LADBROKE, the hotels and betting company, is closing its property division at a cost of £52 million, it was announced yesterday.

The latest charge will increase, to more than £100 million, the net exceptional charges that will be included in the company's annual results, due tomorrow.

Yesterday the company completed the sale of ten commercial and residential properties to Minerva for £25 million, and sold an office block in Boston to HN Gorin for \$23 million. Ladbroke expects to complete the sale of another US property for \$13 million later this week.

The charge will be made to cover the cost of losses on disposals and a provision to write-down the value of its remaining property assets. Other charges, previously announced, include the cost of settling a rent dispute at the Paris Hilton and the resolution of the legal battle with Sainsbury's over the sale of

Texas Homecare in 1994. The company added that it would also be making a nonoperating exceptional charge of £17.6 million to cover losses on disposals of other invest-

ment properties sold in 1996. Analysts said that although the closure of the property division had removed an element of uncertainty the writeoff was larger than expected. Ladbroke shares fell 2p, to

Ladbroke said that the book value of the remaining property portfolio is £70 million. Analysts are expecting Ladbroke to announce a 30 per cent rise in profits, excluding tax and exceptionals, to around £160 million.

GrandMet expects high spirits

By Alasdair Murray

GRAND METROPOLITAN the drinks company, said vesterday that it expected an increase in first-half profits. with a rise in spirits volumes offsetting the adverse impact of the strong pound.

George Bull, the chairman, told the company's annual meeting that trading in the first four months of the year was in line with expectations.

The company said that Pillsbury, the food subsidiary. has shown strong organic profit growth with an improved sales mix and margins, while Burger King has continued to outperform its US competitors with like-for-

like sales growth. The company also said that the prospect of a price war with McDonald's would not slow the company's progress in the US. GrandMet shares rose 6 2 p. to 460 p.

Hotel group finds room for expansion

Thistle stalks growth

By Alasdair Murray

THISTLE HOTELS, Britain's second largest hotel group, is aiming to add 2,000 rooms to its hotel portfolio in the next few years as it concentrates on

organic growth. The company, which has 13,250 rooms at 100 sites, also plans to rebrand about 20 hotels under the Thistle name. Capital expenditure will rise from the £52 million of 1996 to

£55 million this year. Thistle, which is 46 per cent owned by New Zealand-based Investements, un-

pre-tax profits, excluding exceptional items, to £60 million. Exceptional charges of £88 million resulted from the revaluation of the estate. Overall turnover increased 8.5 per cent

to £290 million. Thistle shares fell 8p to 198p. with analysts disappointed that the results were not as strong as those of the company's rivals. There was also concern that the rising pound could hit overseas bookings. Thistle, formerly known as Mount Charlotte Group, floated in October, priced at 170p.

veiled a 73 per cent increase in Gearing fell to 31 per cent last year after the group used flotation proceeds of £250 million to reduce debt to £360

million. Overall occupancy levels rose from 65.7 to 66.7 per cent despite closures for refurbishment. Room rates rose 13.8 per cent as the company shifted towards the commercial manket, which accounts for 46.5 per cent of total business.

Robert Peel, chief executive. said early trading in 1997 was well ahead of last year's. A maiden final dividend of 2p is payable on May 23.

CRH to cut bid budget

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

CRH, the building materials group

CRH, the building materials group based in the Irish Republic, expects to cut its Ir£48 million acquisition budget to between Ir£150 million and £200 million this year.

Don Godson, its chief executive, said: "We do expect a continuing flow of interesting development opportunities in all our regions, but not at the exceptional rate of 1996."

CRH reported a 21 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to Ir£193 million for the

year to December. Earnings rose 14 per cent to 1r40.59p a share. Mr Godson said the group's performance was satisfactory, despite the strength of the Irish pound. CRH was able to take advantage of

the continuing construction boom in Ireland to increase turnover to Ir£320 million from Ir£278 million. An Ir7.J2p final makes a total

dividend of Ir10.2p, up 12 per cent, due

Kerry Group on prowl

FROM EILEEN McCabe in dublin

KERRY GROUP, the food company based in the Irish Republic, is actively seeking new opportunities to complement its existing operations in Europe and America after the completion of the restructuring of its core businesses.

Yesterday the company reported a 19 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to Ir£51.2 million on sales of Ir£1.23

Earnings per share were up 16 per

cent to Ir26.9p. The company's food ingredients division recorded a 14 per cent increase in sales to Ir £706 million. while sales at its consumer foods business grew to lr£473 million, from lr£445 million.

However, turnover in the agribusiness sector slipped more than 7 per cent to IrE53 million.

There is a final dividend of Ir2.56p a share, lifting the total dividend 15 per cent to Ir3.83p, payable on May 26.

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STOCK MARKET



Shares squeezed higher as the signs stay positive

GROWING optimism about the outlook for interest rates and another positive perfor mance on Wall Street enabled investors to squeeze prices sharply higher to close at another high.

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After hitting a best 4,359.1, the FT-SE 100 index finished just a shade lower with a rise of 50.6 at 4,357.7. Prices were marked higher at the outset after a 41-point leap in the Dow Jones industrial average overnight. Another opening rise in the Dow yesterday provided further impetus.

But with just 835 million shares having changed hands by the close of business, it was apparent that stock shortages had combined with selective squeeze the market higher.

Brokers say there is unlikely to be a rise in interest rates ahead of the election. This view was underpinned by the short end of the gilt market. where prices rose ahead of today's monthly economic meeting. It has also been reby the subdued money supply and a drop in the purchasing managers' index. The market remains cautious ahead of Friday's US employment numbers.

BTR was the best performing stock in the top 100 with with a rise of 13p at 25512p. Brokers were excited by news of the link-up between its Brook Hansen electrical drives subsidiary and Danfoss Drives, part of Danfoss Group, Denmark's largest industrial conglomerate. This creates a business with turnover of more than £1 billion. Brokers say there is still plenty of scope for improvement in the BTR share price.

There was also plenty for shareholders to cheer about at Grand Metropolitan as the price rose 612p to 400p on the back of an upbeat trading statement. The group played down reports that its Burger King chain was about to plunge into a price war after hefty price cuts by McDonald's in the US. George Bull, chairman, told the annual meeting that the price cuts would only apply to combination meals. All three main divisions at GrandMet were expected first-half profits to be ahead of last year.

A disappointing second half Furniture 40'2p down at a low for the past year of 15612p. The group saw a slowdown in



Barry O'Connell, left, and Peter Woodall, of Canadian Pizza, down 112p after 50 per cent higher profits and acquisition talk

like-for-like sales to 7.1 per £16 million. Wiggins, 14p off cent over 16 weeks, including at 10p, already holds 25 per the important winter sales. and compares with a 13.5 per months of the financial year.

The shock waves from MFI's statement and the news that Littlewoods, the privately owned store chain, had put stores up for sale, hit other retailers in the sector includ-

cent of the company. Mackie International plunged 5212p to 131p after bid were terminated.

The market gave a lukefigures from Thistle Hotels. Profits came in at £60 million but it plunged into the red

Note the heavy turnover on Dana Petroleum, with the price firming 4p to 204p as almost seven million shares changed hands. It is now just 14 p shy of its high for the year. Brokers say that there is scope for improvement. The group is said to have been on the lookout for acquisitions. An announcement may be due.

ing Carpetright, down 2012p at 604p. DFS, 1412p off at 595p, Kingfisher, 9p lower at 681¹2p, Argos, 5¹2p down at 687p, and Marks & Spencer.

912p cheaper at 488p. A bid approach from Wig-gins Group lifted **Tomorrows** Leisure 3p to 914p. Wiggins is offering one of its own shares for every share in Tomorrows Leisure, valuing the deal at

with a loss of £27.6 million after exceptional items. The shares ended the day 8p lower at 198p. By contrast, Millennium &

Copthorne rose another 12p to

395p as brokers continued to

ponder on Monday's impressive profit numbers. Smith & Nephew was the worst performer among the

top 100 shares, losing 634p, or

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LIFFE BARLEY

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3.5 per cent, at 18414p after a flat set of profits. A better than expected payout for shareholders en-

abled General Accident to shrug off the downturn in profits to finish with a rise of llp at 848p. Commercial Union, the subject of intense bid speculation on Monday, was steady at 721p. It weighed in with lower profits last week along with Guardian Royal Exchange, 112p firmer at 284p.

Standard Chartered continued to benefit from recent buy recommendations with price adding 2112p at 88712p on turnover of 2.1 million shares. Investors are said to be still switching out of HSBC, which later rallied 20p to £15.7212.

Canadian Pizza slipped 112p to 95p after confirming it was on the look-out for an equisition. The group, whose chairman is Barry O'Connell and managing director Peter Woodall, weighed in with a 50 per cent leap in pre-tax profits last year to £2.1 million.

BTP rose 10p to 28312p on talk of a "buy" recommendation from Merrill Lynch, the broker. David S Smith was another firm market, adding 1512p at 26112p after a visit by

Shares of market high-flyer British Biotech came under pressure, losing 4p to 25lp ahead of figures today. GKN, also reporting this week, rose

GILT-ÉDGED: The improving outlook for interest rates was clearly reflected in the bond market where shorter-dated issues outper-

The March series of the long gilt rose £1s to £1125s as the number of contracts completed totalled just 12,000 contract were completed, while 37,000 were recorded in the June

below their best of the day, reflecting a poor response by Fed. to Congress.

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Longer-dated issues closed US Treasury bonds to comments made by Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 eased a tick to £1052932, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks firmer at £1031316. NEW YORK: Shares were steady as investors turned to technology, oil and bank stocks, while merger activity kept the transport sector higher. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 5.38 points higher at 6,924.30.

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A flat finish at MFI

MFI's winter sale was as dull as a knockdown kitchen unit and the furniture retailer's bosses are at a loss to explain why. After a buoyant first six months of the financial year. the rate of growth halved with the increase in turnover tailing off to 7.3 per cent in the crucial sale period. Predictably, the stock market treated the result as disastrous. knocking MFI shares, as well as DFS and

Kingfisher, owner of B&Q This is hardly the making of a disaster: sales growth of more than 4 per cent. excluding inflation, should be enough for any volume retailer. The calamity is in relation to raised expectations. Exaggerated forecasts of a boom in housing transactions led analysts to expect that MFI's good first half would lead to a bumper year. In hindsight, the question is not what happened to MFI's lost winter sales

but, rather, why the early summer surge?
The uncharitable view is that MFI's duff marketing allowed rivals to steal its sales. But the company insists that its new format stores secured double-digit gains while the old-style outlets suffered a fall in turnover as did sales of Hygena, its mass market product. Clearly, the volume end of the business is still in the doldrums.

Could it be that the market has simply changed? British retailers have waited too long for a housing-led recovery, failing to recognise that it has probably been and gone. Last summer's brief surge was probably a catch-up of purchases delayed by recession, rather than the harbinger of a boom. A more canny British consumer is reluctant to plough money into houses. Retailers like MFI will just have to get used to modest sales growth.

Smith & Nephew

FEW European healthcare companies have as large a share of the American market as Smith & Nephew. After years of hustling it has built up enviable marketing and distribution systems; more than 40 per cent of Smith & Nephew's revenue comes from the US and hopes are high that products, notably Dermagraft, its bio-eng neered skin, will keep the

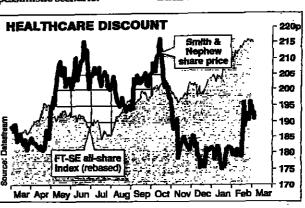
momentum going. But America is a brutally competitive market and Smith & Nephew is starting to feel the heat. Raising prices is unthinkable, rather, the pressure is downwards and, last year, it suffered a 3 per cent reduction.

Health maintenance organisations, the Wal-Marts of the industry, are the culprits. Their ability to command

deep discounts grows, as does their size.

Smith & Nephew knows that it will have to bow to the HMOs again this year, but believes the worst will be over by 1998. That sounds optimistic. Healthcare budgets have only one way to go and the pain may last longer than the company's most

The longer-term outlook is positive. Dermagraft is unique and has strong sales potential. A bio-engineered cartilage, the next product on the drawingboard, looks equally promising. But unless the HMOs cease demanding blood from their suppliers, the shares may struggle to track the market.



General Accident

AN OUTBREAK of common sense is affecting the UK's composite insurers. Instead of the usual scrap for market share, they have has been increasing their premium rates selectively in order to protect underwriting margins. As a result, some have lost customers who chase the lowest rates, particularly in the fierce battleground of motor insurance. General Accident indicated yesterday that it is prepared to raise rates further.

Unlike some of the weaker entrants in the direct market. composites can afford the luxury of putting up rates and being choosy about the people they do business with. GA now has a steady stream of income from its life and ensions business vi dent Mutual, which provides a useful buttress during lean underwriting periods. GA picked up Provident

Mutual for a song, and after just a year it is already

showing good returns. Scot-tish Amicable's buyer is unlikely to get such a good deal. Having acquired its own mutual, GA can focus on its overseas interests while rivals fight over the remaining UK life companies.

Greenalls

TO RUN one's own business may be a daydream for many, but for 245 publicans at Greenalls, self-employment has become the only option. They are being offered a choice between the sack or the opportunity to invest a £10,000 redundancy cheque in the pub they currently manage for the big corporation.

They will become franchisees, a dressed-up form of tenanted pub agreement with landlord. Also, Greenalls insists that it will be gentler to its new entrepreneurs than another well-known pub owner that squeezed its tenants till the pips squeaked.

Greenalls will probably get plenty of volunteer franchi-

ngs are not the point. Greenalls is struggling to deal with a problem of its own making. Huge investment in themed pubs and pub restaurants has marginalised the traditional boozers. These consume on average seven barrels a week, compared with 11 to 12 at the new

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stock market flotation, Newcastle United is sell-ing its black and white stripes as racing silks. As part of a British Horseracing Board initiative, the hallmark stripes are going on sale by sealed-bid tender. Because of their special appeal, the reserve has been set at £20,000. Bids must rise in increments of £500 and must be received by 5 pm on April 27 at the Wellingborough offices of Weatherbys. Paul Khan, director of racing at Weatherbys, said: "An increase in the interest in distinctive silks in general and the topical nature of these colours in particular, has led to the

'Media' debate

EMPLOYEES at Pearson are divided over the latest addition to the decor. The blue and green tapestry, enigmatically entitled Media, which hangs in the lobby of Three Burlington Gardens, is rumoured to have cost about £48,000. It was designed by Eduardo Palozzi, who is responsible for covering the walls of the new British Library, and was made by the **Edinburgh Tapestry Com**parry. Pearson declined to disclose a figure for the technicolour rug.



We might get a little Xtra"

Twin priorities

CONGRATULATIONS to Robin Hepburn. A director at Ludgate, his wife. Emma, gave birth to twins on the same day that the City PR firm fell into the hands of McCann Erickson, the American advertising agency. The 12 lb bouncing pair, Jemima and Amelia, are doing well. New man Hepburn, who until last November worked for Shandwick Consultants, and boasts another three children, tells me: "The birth of the twins was certainly more impor-tant than the future of Ludgate."

BAFFLING news from Morgan Stanley where Charles Scott, formerly head of European sales in the institutional equity division, was vesterday ap-pointed head of European research. After five years in the job. Theresa Bohl has decided, in the firm's words, "to take a leave of absence". Bohl, 38, is taking time out to restore her batteries; it's unlikely that she will return to the same position. A spokeswoman assures me "She's not gone gone. We wish her

Decision time

A PRIZEWINNER at BZW is still deliberating whether to pick up his reward. Among the more unusual prizes in a raffle to raise money for The British Heart Foundation, held in memory of David Band, BZW's former chief executive who died in March last year, and Charles Hewitt, a messenger at Ebbgate House who died in December 1996, was a day's whale spotting in Mull and a cache of betting vouchers. Ade Adetayo, an analyst programmer in equities II, will you please make up your mind whether you want a day at a gypsum mine and plasterboard

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A rare case of litigation being good for your health

Alasdair Murray on the small-town lawyer challenging the tobacco giants to indemnify smokers

n litigious America the cult status of celebrity lawyers has made legal high-flyers such as Alan Dershowitz as famous as his clients, who range from O. J. Simpson to Mia Farrow.

Norwood "Woody" Wilner has the potential to eclipse even Mr Dershowitz America has always admired its small-town heroes prepared to take on Big Business and Mr Wilner is leading the fight against the tobacco companies. He is acting for the millions of ordinary smokers who Mr Wilner believes were bamboozled by lying tobacco corporations.

Mr Wilner struck the first blow last summer, leading a successful assault on the industry in the Grady Carter case — a result that wiped billions of dollars off the stock market value of giants such as Philip Morris, RJ Nabisco and BAT Industries in the UK.

The victory was achieved without resorting to legal sophistries or developing some new-fangled concept on which to nail the companies. Both in and out of the courtroom Mr Wilner comes across as a regular guy pre-pared to cut through the legal mire.

He cites his hobbies as cycling, roller-blading and rowing. He lives in a suburban house in unfashionable Jacksonville, Florida, having turned his back on a career in corporate law in Miami. But Mr Wilner does not portray himself as a health crusader seeking to destroy evil tobacco companies. He spent 20 years defending the interests of the asbestos companies. including T&N, against thousands of lung-disease claims from former workers. It was this experience, rather than some kind of conversion to consumer champion, that persuaded him to take on the role of plaintiff.

"Tobacco has been on my mind for almost 20 years," he says. "I felt that asbestos companies were often paying for lung diseases caused by smoking." Curiosity led him to investigate the smoking issue further and he began to suspect that the industry was not playing fair with the facts. "The tobacco industry has not answered all the questions asked of them," he says. "It has behaved arrogantly and dishonourably towards its customers."

He launched his first case in February 1995, seeking damages from The imerican Tobacco Cor iany, a subsid iary of BAT, on behalf of Grady Carter, a retired air traffic controller. From the outset he adopted a straighforward and honest approach, admitting that Mr Carter - a 40-a-day man for 30odd years - should take some of the

It was a risky strategy. Mr Carter only quit smoking when he found that he had lung cancer. Any immediate sympathy a jury might feel for Mr Carter was further eroded by the fact that at the trial his cancer was in remission and Mr Carter looked healthy. The prosecution could also



play on the fact that Mr Carter was a motorbike fanatic - a man who clearly enjoys risk. But Mr Wilner turned the admission of partial guilt from his client to advantage, contrasting it with the refusal of the tobacco companies to accept blame. "Carter blames himself. which is a natural human reaction," he says. "But cigarettes addict 90 per cent of users.

Mr Wilner used his expert knowledge of lung diseases to establish the harm done by smoking. He then pointed to strong evidence that tobacco companies knew of the potential risks as long ago as 1953, but negligently failed to advise smokers of the dangers before the late Sixties.

The case was heard in front of a jury and Mr Wilner felt that he would still struggle to persuade jurors that he describes as "bubbas" of the virtues of his client's case. Mr Wilner satirises a "bubba" as a classic American redneck, who drives a pick-up truck with a gun rack on top and believes that health warnings are for wimps. "A bubba probably does not even have brakes on the pick-up," he adds. But a

bubba does believe in a bargain - the truck had brakes when it was purchased and it was the consumer's decision to take them off.

Mr Wilner says: "The bubba does not like people lying. He does not care about the risk element as he is a risktaker. But he wants products to offer best value for money. I spent a lot of time showing how cigarette companies could have improved their product."

The argument was a success and Mr Carter was awarded \$750,000 in es. BAT has launched an ar and told the markets that it is confident of having the verdict overturned, BAT is relying on proving that documentation used to establish that tobacco companies knew of the risks of, smoking is inadmissible because it came from Brown & Williamson, the company's main tobacco subsidiary, which did not own The American Tobacco Company during the period cavered by the case. BAT also argues that speculation about developing a safer cigarette is not relevant.

Mr Wilner, unsurprisingly, is unconvinced by BAT's case. "BAT chose

to buy these companies and was in the court stating that tobacco is not addictive, yet they want to exclude the jury from seeing documents from their own medical advisers in 1963 stating the opposite," he says. "As far as the speculation over the safer cigarette is concerned, they asked the question and did not like the answer."

It could be six months before the appeal is heard. Meanwhile, Mr Wilner is filing cases against other tobacco companies. He has just achieved another big breakthrough in a case against R J Reynolds by adding a claim for punitive damages to the charge sheet. The \$750,000 awarded in the Carter case will seem like pin money if Mr Wilner persuades a jury of the merits of this case. He believes the addition of punitive damages is important not just because of the potential costs to the tobacco companies but because it will enable him to broaden the issues raised and "permit

us to argue about the social policies with the jury".

For the Reynolds case, Mr Wilner has added another twist, persuading Ron Motley from Charleston - a former adversary from the asbestos

case battles — to join his team.

Of course, Mr Wilner is not the sole crusader in the battle with the tobacco companies. Some 15 states have filed suits to recover Medicaid costs for treating smoking-related diseases. So far the tobacco industry has held firm, but Mr Wilner believes that the only long-term solution for the industry is to move towards a global settlement.

BAT caused some excitement last month when it suggested that it would look at any proposed settlement that would trade compensation for future legal immunity. But so far there is not even a blueprint for a settlement and both the industry and its adversaries believe a solution is still years away.

Wilner says: "What is being proposed is legislation which has its own life. I believe that, ultimately, there will be some kind of agreement. It would cost the tobacco companies around \$3 billion to settle individual cases — although adding in state cases may double this figure. But this is a fraction of their marketing budgets and it would save around \$500 million a year in legal fees."

But Mr Wilner believes that it is too

early for any long-term agreement. There is not enough pressure yet. If you have 2,000 cases across the country and we are beginning to win them then the industry will look for another solution. He also points out that the high-profile court battles have generated renewed publicity about the dangers of smoking. He says: The view of the doctors in the US is that the litigation ocess nas ne health message by forcing the issues into the open - a rare case of litigation being good for your health."

Mr Wilner is yet to make a cent from his cases although he is not taking them on for free. "I need to make some money to stay in business," he says. "I'm not trying to bankrupt them, but they need to come out of the shadows into reality. I always offer to settle my cases. It is morally and financially correct to look for a solution. If the tobacco companies believe they can fight to the death, the death could be



When structures are shaky, hold your breath

id you know that there was an earth tremor, Richter scale 5.6, outside Tokyo the other day? The news was monitored by Stephen Lewis of London Bond Broking. the regular supplier of arcane fact to the markets. He thinks that you should be alert to geology, but more concerned about an economic upheaval: the sudden re-emergence of a huge Japanese trade surplus. Well, perhaps; though my own money would remain on an earthquake Either

could cause worldwide fi-

nancial tremors.

This is because Japan has for some time been the sole prop of a global financial pyramid which is potentially shakier than any building. Most people understand by now that Japan is the main source of the liquidity which is driving the present bull market: but they are less clear about how a country in surplus could be pumping out money. "Official currency intervention" is the snap an swer many market people would offer; but they would be wrong. For some time the one important source has been private borrowing in yen, now running at more than \$60 billion a month.

This should really be no surprise. Wholesale yen loans are available at 0.4 per cent, which offers anyone running a bond book a free lunch, with all the trim-mings. Total yen debt of primary financial dealers is reported at just under \$300 billion; it would no doubt be higher, but for prudential limits on currency exposure. The hedge funds must have been less restrained; which means the biggest leveraged investment position since Wall Street in 1929. It could hardly look more perilous.

What, then, keeps it lookcontinuing Japanese banking crisis. Japanese government bonds may look unrewarding; but not when you can secure a return of 2.5 per cent or so at a cost of 0.4 per cent. It is mainly for their benefit that the Bank of Japan runs its hidden subsidy system; the bond dealers and hedge funds are simply free riders, as they were in the US market during the Fed's similar banking baleout. The bull market looks safe as long as the Japanese banking system continues to look shaky. Not a bad bet, on the face of it; but two events could disturb this precarious balance.

One as Lewis surmises is a yen recovery; this would make yen loans look expensive all of a sudden. The other is an earthquake.

the yen is that the Japanese current account is really much stronger than it looks. The figures show a reduc-tion of three trillion yen (about \$24 billion) in the last year; but nearly all of this is the once-for-all J-curve effect of yen devaluation. In 1997 exports should grow faster and imports could fall; the surplus might even head past \$100 billion to new records, to the rage of the US. However, this would not necessarily push up the exchange rate. Even a record surplus would be dwarfed by the gross flow of foreign borrowing.

The real danger would come not so much from the arithmetic of supply and demand as from any attack of nerves on the part of borrowers. If they decided to shorten their yen exposures, it would not only drive up the yen but put a big squeeze on financial market liqidity, depressing prices everywhere. That in burn might provoke Japanese interprint him single nese investors into bringing their funds home on a serious scale (as against the window-dressing end-year transfers going on at the moment: and so on. When the big crash does come, this could quite easily be the script; not yet, though, in my judgment. The bubble still isn't big enough. A big earthquake, of

course, would have just the disrupting Japanese indus try and putting its banks dow-dressing. But the financial effect might not be so different, because the authorities might have to support the yen and avert a meltdown. This again would suck liquidity out of markets. Moral, perhaps: when structures are so shaky, the wise man holds

Jon Ashworth sees peace break out at Littlewoods

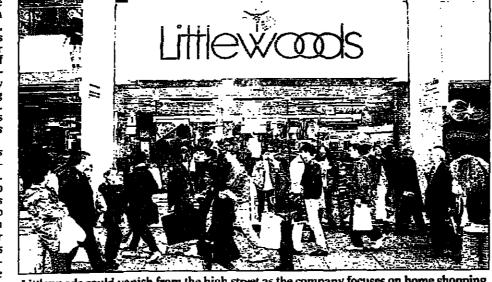
Moores clan shows united front over plan to sell the family silver

hat would corporate Britain be without a good, rollicking, family bust-up? Two years ago, the descendants of Sir John Moores, founder of Littlewoods, appeared hellbent on tearing their legacy apart. Rivals were offering fortunes to buy them out. Management consultants came up with endless ideas about group strategy.

The disappointing news is that the feuding has ceased for the time being at least. There was barely a peep yesterday, when Littlewoods confirmed that it is seeking to sell its 135-strong chain of high street stores, ending a 60-year presence. No doubt there was much behind-the-scenes muttering about selling off the family silver, but publicly, at least, the family is united behind its management. No

small achievement. This is reassuring news for James Ross, the former chief executive of Cable and Wireless, who replaced Leonard van Geest last May. His arrival coincided with the firmest atterapt yet to stamp out the infighting that had threatened to overwhelm Littlewoods. Earlier in the year, family members had voted in favour of a shareholders' charter that had one over-arching aim: to allow the board to take decisions without interference from the controlling shareholders. So

far, so good. It was the death, in 1993, of Sir John Moores, the company's founder, that launched Littlewoods on its bumpy ride. Ownership of the company is in the hands of about 30



Littlewoods could vanish from the high street as the company focuses on home shopping

his brother, Cecil, and differing views about how the business should be run lay at the heart of the problems.

Matters came to a head in December 1995, when the family met to consider two rival offers for the company. Barry Daie, dismissed as chief execurive months earlier, had rerurned with a £1.1 billion bid. A similar offer was on the table from N Brown, the catalogue group, and leeland Frozen Foods. Both were rejected.

By the summer of 1996. Mr Ross had arrived on the scene and the company had announced plans to spend £135 million on its stores, creating 3,000 jobs. Six months later, all bets were off. The expansion was scrapped and Bob resigned in protest. Now it seems that the stores

could go altogether - the result of an uncompromising review by Bain & Co. the management consultant. Linlewoods has decided to throw its money behind home shopping, even though the proposed £305 million purchase of Freemans is awaiting clearance from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission Risky, perhaps, but at least some sort of theme is

starting to emerge. The Moores family is still there, of course, but appears to be backing Mr Ross and his cohorts: Bill Huntly, chief executive, and Jim Michie. finance director. Of Sir John's four children, it is Lady Willett, managing director of Granchester, with a non-exec-

descendants of Sir John and Littlewoods' stores division, utive seat on the board, who would appear to have the upper hand. Her son, James Suenson-Taylor, once tipped as a candidate for chairman, is the only other family member

in the boardroom. Sir John's second son, Peter, sold his stake in 1994. Another son, also John, retired last year, and a fourth child, Janatha, has long kept her views to herself.

So the future, for now at least, rests with three 'outsiders" guided by Bain & Co. All should go smoothly, provided Lady Granchester continues to hold sway. There are plenty of younger Moores with forthright views about how their company should be run. Any hint that the strategy has gone awry and Mr Ross could face

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Conrail war over

The four-month deadlock in the bidding war for Conrail in America has been broken. Conrail has negotiated an increase in the bid by CSX Corp to \$115 a share from \$108, valuing the rail company at \$10.3 billion. Norfolk Southern, a rival bidder that conceded victory to CSX, will be able to buy about half of Conrail's assets from CSX.

TDG slips

The BSE crisis last year delivered an extra £1 mi]lion in profit for Transport Development Group, the logistics and hire company that saw orders to store suspect beef rise. But pre-tax profits fell to £35.2 million (£36.1 million) after the loss of a distribution deal. Earnings rose to 17p a share (16.5p), but the dividend stays at 9.5p, for a final 5.5p.

Darby rises

Darby Group, the manufacturer and distributor of facturer and distributor of tempered safety glass, made pre-tax profits of £2.1 million (£955,000) in the year to December 31. Earnings were 6.11p a share (5.33p), and a final dividend of 1.2p makes a total of 2.2p (2p).

Upbeat Cala

Cala, the housebuilder and commercial property developer, saw pre-tax profits at £2.7 million (£2.11 million) in the half year to December 31. Earnings were 4.21p a share (3.28p). The interim dividend is 1.3p (1.1p).

Brewery link

Brewery interests in Wales were merged yesterday when SA Brain of Cardiff acquired Crown Buckley of Llanelli for an undisclosed sum. The combined company has 165 pubs.

Clubs deal

Waterfall Holdings, the snooker clubs operator, has bought 12 clubs from Re-gent Inns for £4.85 million.



John Robinson, left, and Chris O'Donnell yesterday. Profits were at the low end of analysts' forecasts

Smith & Nephew warns of more wounds in US

SMITH & NEPHEW, the healthcare and medical equipment company, warned the market yesterday that it expects another tough trading year in America, its biggest market, as customers continue to demand price reductions,

The company said that prices, on average, fell by 3 per cent in America during 1996, with orthopaedic implants and woundcare products suffering the sharpest falls. John Robinson, chief executive, said: "We have to assume that prices will decline by a similar amount

Prices are falling because customers, notably hospitals,

are banding together to form large buying groups. These HMOs, or health maintenance organisations, are using their market clout to demand volume discounts.

Mr Robinson thinks that the pressure on prices will ease somewhat in 1998. In the meantime, underlying margins are being maintained through cost cutting and sales growth. In the year to the end of December, sales rose by 6 per cent to £1.06 billion.

Pre-tax profits were £182.2 million, compared with £180.4 million, while earnings per share were up by 2 per cent to 11.21p. The results were at the low end of analysts' forecasts. The strength of both sterling and the dollar compared with the main European currencies depressed profits by I per cent and are likely to reduce earnings by about £13 million this year if they remain at their current levels.

Mr Robinson said new products should underpin onger-term growth. Smith & Nephew expects to launch Dermagraft, the first "off-theshelf" bio-engineered skin, in the American, British and possibly Scandinavian markets in the second half of this year. The product initially will be used to treat diabetic foot ulcers, a market potentially worth £1.5 billion a year.

Smith & Nephew is also developing a bio-engineered

cartilage that could be used to repair the damaged knees of athletes. The company is aiming to launch it in 2000.

Mr Robinson, 56, is to

become part-time chairman in July, replacing Eric Kinder. The new chief executive will be Chris O'Donnell, 50, who had been Mr Robinson's deputy. Mr O'Donnell joined the company eight years ago and had been responsible for developing its wound management

A final dividend of 3.71p, to be paid on July 2, makes the total dividend op, up from 5.65p. The shares closed at 1844 p, down 63 p.

Anger over Renault plan to shed jobs

FROM ADAM SAGE

RENAULT, the French carmaker, was facing industrial conflict last night as unions denounced plans to shed almost 3,000 jobs in France.

The move came less than a week after Renault said it would close a Belgian assembly plant at Vilvoorde, near Brussels, with the loss of 3,100

As the recently privatised company prepares to announce losses of more than Fr5 billion for 1996, sources close to the management confirmed reports that Renault would cut 2,764 French jobs this year. Renault will also transfer 1,032 positions within

the group, the sources said.

The plans sparked a storm in France yesterday, with unions saying that a one-hour stoppage at Renault plants on Friday would herald wide-

printal wind herald windspread strikes.

Daniel Richter, of the socialist CFDT union, said: "We hope this is the beginning of a long period of labour struggle at Renault all over Europe."

Franck Borotra, the French Industry Minister, who urged Renault to open negotiations with unions, came under pressure to reconsider the firm's early retirement proposals for 40,000 staff. Under the scheme, which was rejected by the Government last week, Renault said it would replace the older workers with 14,000

younger job-seekers.

The political row echoed criticism of Renault in Belgium, where Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, has led calls to save the Vilvoorde plant. Belgian unions nave called for a boycott of Renault cars and political leaders say they will take legal action against the company.

Renault argues that it has little choice but to streamline. The 1996 results will show a loss for the first time in ten years and, in January, its sales in France fell 20 per cent.

Louis Schweitzer, chairman, says Renault has to cut car prices if it hopes to increase its share of the European market.

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Merged insurers report profit rises

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

JARDINE Lloyd Thompson Group, the insurance and reinsurance company formed from the merger of JIB and Lloyd Thompson, published their separate results for the last time yesterday. A second interim report for the 12 months to June 30, 1997, will be issued in September.

At Lloyd Thompson, pretax interim profits were up 2 per cent to £10.6 million.

The group confirmed that the proposed interim dividend will be 6.25p, payable on May In, and that the special dividend of top per share will be raid as a foreign income. paid as a foreign income dividend on March 5.

JIB announced separate full-year pre-tax profits up 29 per cent to £27.5 million (1995: E21.3 million) and earnings per share up 34 per cent to

13.5p (10.1p).

The company paid a first interim dividend of 3.5p, as a foreign income dividend, on November 18, 1996. A second interim dividend of 5p (net) will be paid on March 5, 1997, to shareholders on the register on January 28, 1997.

The second interim replaces the final dividend, which would have been paid for the year to December 31, 1996. Total dividends for amount to 8.5p (net).

Computer Cabs details fare for float

By OUVER AUGUST

COMPUTER CABS has unveiled details of its flotation on the Alternative Investment Market to raise £3.3 million for a satellite booking system. Shares will be priced at 80p. giving a market capitalisation of £8.25 million. Cab drivers will be able to

buy discounted shares at 72p. They had entangled the company in legal challenges over the ownership of Mobistar, the satellite system that tracks the position of all cabs.

Geof Kaley, chief executive, said: "Mobistar's leading-edge technology and the ownership of shares in the company by our drivers will further strengthen our business and market position."

The London company has long-term plans to expand to other cities. First dealings are scheduled for April 4.

Serco growth maintained at steady 20%

By Fraser Nelson

SERCO, the engineering support services company, enjoyed its tenth successive year of 20 per cent growth last year. as orders to maintain privatised railway tracks helped profits to rise to £18.3 million (£15.2 million).

The advance of the Private Finance Initiative, and new orders from the Australian Government, combined to lift sales 23 per cent, to £397 million, over the year, as margins held firm at 13 per cent. Earnings were 18.8p. compared with 15p.

The company, which looks after 20 per cent of Britain's railway tracks, said that sales from its newly acquired train testing ground should be about £40 million next year.

A final dividend of 3.8p brings the total to 5.5p (4.7p), and is due on April 14.

Regional brewer to be valued at £109m

USHERS of Trowbridge, the regional brewing company, yesterday set a flotation price of 110p a share, valuing the company at £109 million (Alasdair Murray writes).

Ushers, which owns a brewery and 542 pubs, hopes to raise £38 million from the float that will be used to strengthen the balance sheet and improve the company's potential for expansion.After the placing. Roger North, chief executive, will hold shares valued at [4

phrey, production manager, will control shares worth E3.1 million. The directors will own 8.4 per cent of the total capital worth £9 million.

The venture capital backers. led by Schroder Ventures Fund and SBC Equity Partners, will own 49.3 per cent of the company after flotation. Ushers made profits of £16.4



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A sensation in Paris, Philippe Decoufié's surreal and mesmerising Decodex makes its British debut



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Paul Rodgers turns the clock back in Shepherds Bush, to the delight of his middle-aged fans

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Homage to the late Ronnie Scott comes in a fine gig by Jean Toussaint's New York Vibes



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Nicholson and Caine in Blood and Wine, plus reviews of all the other top new movies

Donald Hutera meets Philippe Decouflé, whose stunning circus-theatre Decodex opens here this week

Ringmaster totally over the Big Top

opened in the au-Paris was in the middle of a transport strike. Even so, Philippe Decoulle's magic cocktail of choreo-graphed circus-theatre, staged at Bobigny's Maison de la Culture on the city's northeastern edge, was a triumph. Those who couldn't drive got there by bike, on foot, or bitched a ride. The two-month show was an instant sell-out.

The Paris Metro is now running smoothly, but history has otherwise repeated itself: Decodex returned to Bobigny in January for four weeks, and by the second night all of the seats had been snapped up. In between, the show has toured throughout Europe to box office and critical acclaim.

But, despite such success. the kaleidoscopic delights of Decodex will stop spinning immediately after its perfor-mances this week in the Woking Dance Umbrella festival. Or, as Decouflé succinctly puts it: "After that, Decodex

goes to the garbage."

It is unlikely that the average rubbish bin will have been visited by such delightfully strange refuse. Try to imagine Jules Verne and Lewis Carroll devising a three-dimensional picture-book at the Bauhaus, then deciding to take a break under the Big Top, getting lost, and winding up inside a proscenium arch instead.

Working with the set designer Jean Rabasse (the visual wizard responsible for the peculiarly beautiful look of the films Delicatessen and The City of Lost Children), and the supremely inventive costumier Philippe Guillotel, Decoufié has compiled a stage catalogue of surreal marvels. The outcome is a visionary mélange of abstract movement, illusions, gags, acrobatics and Jack-in-the-box discoveries. At heart, though, Decoder is a paean to both the limitations and the potential of the human

Decouflé has been making work for the stage, film and video since 1983, the year he won first prize at the impor-tant Bagnolet choreographic competition. In 1989 he wet his feet in the pool of large-scale spectacle, providing some of the movement for France's bicentennial parade. His staging of the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1992 Winter Olympics, in Albertville,

6 When you do things very precisely, you can speak about crazy ideas 🤊

earned Decouffé an international reputation for imagina tive flair. His (and Rabasse and Guillotel's) cornucopia of weird, wacky wonders was like a cross between Hieronymus Bosch and Bushy Berke-

PHILIPPE

DECOUFLE

ley for the 21st century. "Before that I was not considered a choreographer by people who do dance," Decoufle says. A thin, bespectacled man with fashionably spiky black hair, he is casually clad in jeans and black sweater. Only the luxurious purple scarf swaddling his neck hints at the flamboyance to be found in his work.

"There is a movement of boring dance in France, an intellectual thing," he contin-ues. "It's very strong. There are beautiful things sometimes, but it's boring. For these people I am like a clown. I should go to a circus, because I'm not an artist.

"Since the Olympics, it changes. People now respect me more. Critics are more prudent; they take care more often what they say. Perhaps they now understand that I could be like a bridge between the large audience and the research laboratory.

"Still, they sometimes say my creations are a bad thing - empty, commercial, like video clips for dance. But it's my generation, so why not?"

ecoufié was born in Paris in 1961, to a sociologist father and a mother who is an environmental journalist. At 15, after training in both drama and circus skills, his desire was to be a mime. He studied with Marcel Marceau. and later spent a year in New York on a scholarship with the American dance-theatre magician, Alwin Nikolais.

While there he broadened his artistic horizons via classes in modern dance - and dance video - with the likes of Merce Cunningham. His own subsequent film/video work. running the gamut from pop promos to arthouse dance shorts, has netted him a clutch of international awards.

"Now," he says, with a hesitant neutrality that sends boasting out of the window, "I am perhaps the most popular young choreographer in France."

Decouflé's source of inspiration for Decoder is a 1970s book, Le Codex Seraphinianus by the Italian artist Seraphini. Decouflé



One of the creatures that inhabit the mind of Philippe Decouflé and the stage of Decodex, a huge success in France

stumbled upon it in New York. "This book is completely cra-zy." he says. "Seraphini one day decided to begin it. He was in a little room. He closed his door for two years. People were bringing him food. He did that book, and it's a masterpiece.

"It's written in a language which doesn't exist, so you understand nothing. But there are a lot of drawings everywhere, there are ideas everywhere. For me, I discovered that when you do things very precisely, you can speak about anything, about completely crazy ideas."

He tears off a corner of the

paper tablecloth and squeezes it greedily. "You can speak about that, and if you do it in a beautiful way it can be spectacular. It can be marvellous."

Decodex starts with a warm-up duet between a Dumbo-eared, deadpan funny tall guy and a little platinumhaired flea of a gamine. All along it capitalises on Decouflé's infatuation with the tension between miniaturism and gigantism. "I try to follow a way from the very small to the very big," he says. "Going from the microbes to plants, to parts of the body, to the things in the sky.

as an afterthought, "is also a trip inside the human body." Hence Guillotel's costumes: some feature externalised representations of human bones, muscles and organs, while others — with pleated elephant trunks or spotted, Hoover-type tentacles, fringed flippers and transparent, Saturn-style rings - suggest goofy versions of what can be studied under a

"The show," he adds, almost

microscope. Three years ago Decouflé's Compagnie DCA was accorded a 12-year contract by the Parisian suburb of Saint-Denis. There, in a converted boiler room, he develops his

work. "More and more I want to make visual things, like a phantasmagoria," he says. "I think I go away, slowly, from dance. In two years I am going to choreograph a show for Cirque du Soleil; it's interesting for me to work for a circus. "After that I would like to

direct musicals on film, because right now there is nothing modern there and I think I can touch another audience. And I love cinema. It's one of my passions. Modern dance, no."

● Decodex is at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking (01483 761144) from tomorrow to Sat

Bebop a lulu

ONE of the defining moments of the upsurge of interest in jazz in the mid 1980s was provided by the appearance of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers at London's Shaw Theatre. jamming with a number of the country's up-and-coming musicians, Courtney Pine and Gail Thompson prominent

among them.

Blakey's tenor saxophonist on that occasion, Jean Toussaint, later settled in England, and has become a stalwart of the London jazz scene. For this concert, he was joined by two other Blakey alumni, trumpet-er Terence Blanchard and pianist Mulgrew Miller, in a

JAZZ

New York Vibes Queen Elizabeth Hall

band completed by bassist Reginald Veal and drummer

Toussaint has become something of a local favourite during his decade in the UK, and just how thoroughly he reciprocates this feeling was immediately demonstrated by his choice of subjects for his Arts Council-commissioned

One for Ronnie, a strident hard-bop theme in the Mes-sengers' mould, was dedicated to the late Ronnie Scott; Glimpse from a Double-decker and Piccadilly Fanfare, both suitably bustling, im-pressionistic pieces, showed off Toussaint's knack of writing immediately attractive themes packed with just enough subtly displaced accents and rhythmic twists to challenge his soloists.

Blanchard, a fluent, pure toned trumpeter, responded with typical brio, imbuing the Toussaint pieces with irresistible pep and bounce, and almost stealing the show with a superb feature, You Don't Know What Love Is. Miller's sly solo comments on Toussaint's tunes, and his idiosyncratically jaunty trio rendition of If I Should Lose You, confirmed his growing reputation as one of the most individual piano voices in the music. The rhythm section had all the snap and control customarily associated with the city of their band-title.

But it was Toussaint who starred. His is one of the most pleasing tenor tones around: warm when required, but always vigorously muscular.

CHRIS PARKER

Massive swing to old labour

PAUL RODGERS is the singer Tony Blair wanted to sound like when the Labour leader was an aspiring rock star in a university band called Ugly Rumours. Whether Blair would still feel the same if he had witnessed his hero at the Shepherds Bush Empire is doubtful. You don't need to aspire to running the country to feel deeply disconcerted by an audience of men in their forties playing air guitar.

The former Free frontman is about as relevant to current musical trends as a 1970s socialist manifesto is to new Labour. Rodgers's old band first entered the charts in the week Harold Wilson lost the general election to Edward Heath, and the world has changed dramatically since except for Rodgers. As Blair contemplates taking Britain into a common currency, the singer swings a microphone stand around his head exactly as he did before we went decimal.

But Rodgers is in tune with his audience. He sings a

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couple of jour-neyman num-bers from his soso new album, and then it is down to the seri-

ous business. He knows we are disciples of the

old school, there to hear those venerable Free classics. Wild cheers greet The Stealer, Fire and Water and Mr Big - and they still sound pretty fine after all these years.

Of course, it is not quite the

Whitehorn is not Paul Kossoff. Paul Rodgers and sensibly Empire, W12 does not try to emulate him.

His tone is fatter and less supple and he does his own thing solidly, without ever inspiring. The rhythm section of Jaz Lochrie and Jim Copley drives the juggernaut with conviction, and if Rodgers's voice has lost a little of that same as when you were 16 tough gristle there is still a

flintiness that Blair's Oxford tones could never emulate. The singer sounded no-

where better than on Wishing Well. Blair's own particular desert island favourite. But if things go well on the night of May i, the Labour leader could be forgiven if it is All Right Now. Rodgers's inevitable encore, that he mimes in front of the bedroom mirror before finally turning in.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

Sadly giving back the keys

hard to do, as A House found out last Friday night when they played an emotionally charged farewell gig in their home town.

The Times

joyed a passionate following, and the mood of celebration at the Olympia was tempered by a sense of sadness that grew more pronounced as the show wore on, leaving grown men

BREAKING up is indeed A House Dublin

The band has always en-

and women in tears by the time the final curtain came down. For these faithful fans. the show probably spelt the end of an integral part of their adolescence as much as it signalled the dissolution of a pop group. The evening had started in a

> low-key manner, with a short acoustic set by Harvest Ministers. Local indie darlings Reveling, who count John Peel among their fans, were also on the hill. Their sturdy, if unspectacular, brand of classic guitar-pop revealed a group au fait with the dynamics of melody, vocal harmony and traditional song structure, especially Radio Speaks and Happiness is Mine, which have the Byrds and the Pixies. respectively, as their tutors. To judge by the critical plaudits bestowed upon their second album. Broadcaster, Revelino could yet graduate with chart honours.

Mainstream commercial success eluded A House to an almost Pimpernellian degree.

Their career spanned 12 years, five albums and three record companies, but to little chart success. Between the opening salvo, Kick Me Again, Jesus (their first and arguably finest single) and the closing stubborn declaration, I Can't Change (from last year's swansong No More Apologies), cells from every organ of A House's imperfect body of work were re-animated.

The haunting cadence of the hruised cri de coeur, When I Last Saw You, would put a lump in the most hardened of thmats, hur Dave Couse's unashamedly confessional mode of songwriting often crossed the line between profundity and triteness, as on Cry Easily, for example.

Couse himself has never harhoured doubts about his ability to transform feelings of vulnerability and emotional insecurity into poignant artistic expression. He remains, however, a decidedly affable character by virtue of his acerbic, ironic Dublin wil. Rest assured he will be back in some shape or form to wipe those lears away.

NICK KELLY

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament TOM SAPSFORD

Age: 21 Profession: Dancer and choreographer.

Standard beginnings: Trained at the Royal Ballet School from the age of 11: joined the Royal Ballet at 18.

Professional debut a washout? He choreographed a piece for Dances for Elephants, a 1994 tour by Royal Ballet dancers to Kenya in aid of wildlife. "I had my dancers wearing 1920s flap-pers' dresses and moving to music by the Inkspots. But there was a rainstorm

which submerged the stage in about two inches of water."

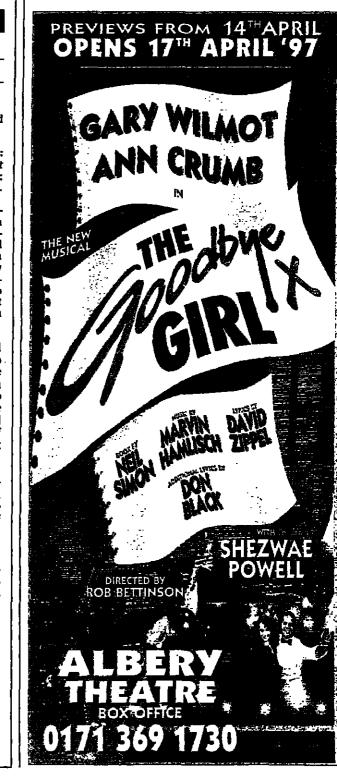
Second time lucky: His Odalisque solo for the Royal Ballet's 1996 Dance Bites tour was respectable enough to earn him a second commission this year (catch it at the Swan in High Wycombe this week; at the Theatre Royal in Bath Monday and Tuesday). "It's set in a rave club backroom, but it's about nightclubbing in general. The music is electric guitar and computer-generated tape, kind of grunge. The characters are from the different sorts of club scenes. It's the kind of piece that could never be done at

Happy in his job? You bet. "A company that gives a 21-yearold 20 minutes of prime space is quite rare. Dance Bites is a chance to try things out. One of the good things about the mini tour is that you get to deal with a different kind of space, one closer to the audience. You get more involved."

Personal agenda: "I am trying to do something that is relevant to people my age, people who wouldn't go to see ballet but would see modern dance. There's a different pace in a lot of the culture today, very rapid. I want to get the feeling of the five-second attention span. I am trying to make a ballet work like that: short and rapidly changing."

What about his own attention span? "I take great joy in sitting down and channel flicking on the television. There is such a strange, odd combination of things that if you keep going all night you will see the most bizarre things. There is an art to channel surfing. You can make up a whole programme just by channel surfing. I can play Beavis and Butthead all by myself."

DEBRA CRAINE



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■ CHOICE 1

Jean Rigby sings in the Nash Ensemble's concert of new music VENUE: Tonight at the Purcell Room

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

Between Earth and Sea for flute, viola and harp. With Skate Kange, harp. The conductor is Martyn Brabbins. Purcett Room, South Bank, SE? (0171-980 4242). Tonight, 7 30pm

BIRHIRNGHAM Sir Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Beno's Simona, Lufoslawsid's Cello Concento and Messasen's El Exspecto Resurractioners Montrorum With Lynn Harrell, callo, and Electric Phoenix. Part of the Towards the Millermum festival. Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-

Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333) Tonight, 7 30pm (2)

CHELTENHAM The adventurous

Tennessee Williams's competing

remessee wearns a compenny psychological drame, Out Cry Dracted by Trnothy Walker Everymen, Regert Sirect (01242 572573). Opens tonight, 7 45pm, Then tomorow and Fin. 7 45pm; Sal, 4pm and 8pm, Until March 8

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessm of theatre showing in Londo

House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

actress, which probably doesn't prove a good move. One-man play writen and directed by Conor McPherson, author

of last year's well-received three-monologue play. This Lime Tree Bower Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, Spm

Bowles both fourthing and comic as Moliere's deluded hero. Eric Sylves excellent as his flicker-Impered servant Picceditty, Derman Street, W1 (017)-369 1734; Mon-Sat. Spm., mats Wed, 3pm. and Sør. Spm.

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

Jassica Lange and Toby Stephens in an adrof production by Peter Hall Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Sat. 7.45pm;

N SCHOOL FOR WIVES Peter

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BERMONGHAM Sir Sumon Rattle

ELSEWHERE



CHOICE 2

DUNDIEE: The conductor Tadaeld Otaka makes his Royal Scottlish National Orchestra debut in this seening is concert at the Caird Hall The programme begins with Takemissu's How Stow the Wind and includes Mendelssofth is Violin Concerto in Emiror and Shostakovich is Fifth Symphony. Repeat performances tomorow in the Royal Concert Hall, Garsgow, and in the Usher Hall, Gorburgh, on Friday

NEWCASTLE: Mark Murphy's V-Tol Dance Company performs By Force of Fartasy

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the joilty but there are furning moments. Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 9891). Tonight and formorrow, 7 15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm, in rep.

☐ WASTE. Pater Half's bold new severi-nights-e-week repertory starts with Galsworthy's 1907 drama. Originally banned by the Lord Chamberlain for dwelling on what happens when a politician spends a night with a mamed worman. With Felicoty Kendel and Michael Permington. Old Vic., Waterloo Road. SE1 (0171-528 7616) Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens March 14, 7.30pm. Then nightly, 7.30pm: mais Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Cloud Nine joins the repertore on March 10.

☐ Blood Brothers: Procentx (0171-369 1733) . . . ☐ The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) Criterion (0171-369 1737) An

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Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ WASTE. Pater Half's bold new

Playhouse, Haymarket (0191-230 5151) Today-Fri, 8pm. (2)

LONDON GALLERIES

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... while, in Birmingham, Sir Simon Rattle harks back to the Sixties VENUE: Tonight at Symphony Hall





■ CHOICE 3

OPERA

At the Coliseum. Gluck's Orpheus and Eurydice benefits little from Martha Clarke's treatment

BIRDY Northern Exposure actor Rob Morrow yons Kewn Knight's ceast in Naom Wallace's fascinating version of the William Wharton novel a psychologically damaged GI (Maithew Wait) believes his is a bird. Or does he's Camedy, Partino Street, SWI (0171-369 1731) Opens tonight, 7pm Mon-Sal, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

TOSCA: Robert Down conducts the Royal Opera in a revival of Puccini's impassioned story of the fiery tempere operatic diva. The Russian soprano the Abordana operations of the story of the the Abordana operations of the story of the the Abordana operations of the Abordana operations operations of the Abordana operations of the Abordana operatio Mena Guleghma returns to Coverv Garden to sing her first Tosca with the Canaradoss: Serge Leterkus and Smon Estes share the lote of Scarpa-Royal Opera House, Covert Garden. WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonght, 7 30pt Then March 7, 11, 13, 17 and 20 S

TWENTIETH CENTURY MUSIC SERIES This evening's rectal begins with Rayel's Introduction and Allegro The mezzo-sopreno Jean Rigby roins the Nesh Ensemble for Nicholas Maw's Roman cannicle for mezzo-soprano, titule viola and harp, based on a poem by Robert Browning, and Semon Holt's Campones to mezos-soprano and ensemble. The programme includes two world premisees: Julian Anderson's new work for fulle, disminet harp and string quartet and Sally Beamish's

☐ AMERICAN BUFFALO: Douglas Henshall, Neil Stuke and Nicholas Hensnall, Net Shake and Nicholas Woodeson play the small-time crooks in David Marnet's gripping drama. Great dialogue Lindsay Posnet directs Young Vic. 65 The Cut. SET (0171-928 8363) Mon-Sat. 7 30pm, mats Wed (March 12, 19) and Sat (March 15, 22, 20, April 5, 20pm, Hill Jamil 5. 29. April 51, 2 30pm. Until April 5

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■ IVANOV Raiph Fiernes heads a spieroid cast that includes Harnet Walter and Oliver Ford Davies, in Jonathan Kent's outcollent production of Chekhov's first produced play. Almelda, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mars Sat, 3pm ☐ ST NICHOLAS Brian Cox plays a

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◆ MARS ATTACKSI (12) Tim

Nicholson and Glenn Close

NEW RELEASES

(0171-839 1527)

MARRIAGE Eighteenth-century cornedy by Gay. Pope and Arbuthnot,

mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

THREE HOURS AFTER

CINEMA GUIDE

films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

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The rare Tennessee Williams drama, Out Cry. goes on the road VENUE: This week at the Everyman, Cheltenham



OPERA: Martha Clarke's Gluck for ENO; Bizet in Paris; Dvořák at the Guildhall

Chorus in the dark

beginning to agree that the Coliseum is too large for much of the operatic repertory and a difficult acoustic for words, along comes an intimate chamber opera that fills the theatre: Orpheus and Eurydice, sung with uncommon clarity in a smart translation by Anne Ridler. Gluck's masterpiece, long absent from London's stages, is one of the simplest of all operas, and whatever else the producer

does with it, she finds a way of projecting its honest, beautiful simplicity in this big space.

Martha Clarke

Unfortunately, Clarke does "do" things with it. The distinguished American choreographer, making her ENO debut in a production due to be shared with New York City Opera, might have been an inspired choice for this work, built around dance as it is. There are certainly moments where music and movement are at one, such as the harrowing physical violence at the entrance to Hades, and the naked, Matisse-evoking dancers in the Elysian Fields. But in discarding Gluckian formality, she substitutes unbuttoned, "self-expressive" movement redundant to such emotionally precise music, especially in the (noisy) frolick-

ing about of the final scene. More damagingly, Clarke seems to have a block when it comes to a peculiarly operatic problem" — the chorus. In this opera the choristers need to be on stage, supplying Greek Chorus-style commentary and in the Underworld assuming characters all their own. Clarke banishes the chorus to boxes overlooking

IT WAS to be hoped that a new production in Paris would form some sort of climax to the month of the three Carmens, but it was not to be. The results are gold medal to Welsh National for its fresh and original reading, silver to Raymond Gubbay for a worthy effort, and lead to Paris for one of the most depressing stagings of any opera I have seen for years. First the externals. There were

surtitles in French, and whatever the shortcomings of the Opera Bastille the acoustics are word-friendly. Not that this amenity turned out to be helpful: a technical fault blotted out the last word of every line throughout the evening. Then, in Paris of all places, the long-discredited Oeser edition was used,

with its wilful mis-readings of Bizet's

the pit, and it is blessed relief when they are allowed on stage for the final hug-in.

John Conklin's permanent stage is strewn with jacced rocks. This is a barren, largely abstract world, relieved not by any set but only a few blackand-white cloths. Jane Greenwood's mostly black costumes are mostly coats, and Paul Pyant's effective lighting completes this bleak picture. But only half of this perfectly balanced opera is sombre, and production

fails to summon up fully its brighter side. There is noth-Orpheus and Eurydice ing monochro-Coliseum matic about Jane

Glover's poised conducting, which makes the music sound achingly poignant. A few of Gluck's stylistrademarks, like his affecting use of major keys to denote terrible grief, never fail to work, but only a special kind of conductor like Glover can be alert to all the contrasts. Every tempo is carefully judged in this performance. which unfolds with dramatic momentum. The original, 1762 version is played without in-Michael Chance, a seasoned

Orpheus, makes a strong case for counter-tenors in the title role, though there are few around to match him for flowing musicality. Though there is room for more warmth in his singing, he portrays a very human hero. true to Gluck's reforming ideals. Lesley Garrett, always at her best in serious parts, sings passionately in her first Eurydice. Helen Williams is a bright but slightly too-knowing Amor, her principal role debut with the company.



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Recallai

DVORAK'S opera The Cunning Peasant, written in 1877, was second in popularity only to Smetana's Bartered Bride in the years following its premiere. Since then it has fared less well, and the production by the ever-resource-ful Guildhall School of Music and Drama is a rare opportunity to hear a work bursting at the seams with geniality and thumping good tunes.

> **Cunning Peasant** Guildhall School

At first it seemed as if that relentless geniality was going to be difficult to take. The scenario brings together scheming landowners, plotting peasants and earnest young lovers. But in the second act, director Robert Chevara (with designer Es Devlin) highlights something deeper in the drama.

Towards the end of the ballet sequence conventional peasant whirling suddenly gives way to a Carmen-like confrontation fraught with sexual tension. Shortly afterwards the nine principals line up across the stage for an ensemble that thrillingly hints at something turbulent beneath the surface.

Even the traditional love duet after that seems to enter another realm; Christoph Wittmann and Liubov Chuchrova held us entranced. Clive Timms was the able conductor. More performances, highly recommended, tonight

Barry MILLINGTON

Big on bad ideas

Carmen Opéra Bastille, Paris

discarded sketches and inclusion of music that the composer himself cut in rehearsals because it wasn't needed. To hear this travesty in what is supposed to be a temple of French lyric art was enraging.

Not that there was much happening on stage, anyway. Indeed, it would be hard to demonstrate more clearly the difference between what is accepted as

production in France and anywhere else in the world. Out go direction of singers, meaningful stage action, establishment of motivation and character, in come mere decoration and fistfuls of "ideas". The decoration included a troupe of six dancer-extras, three of whom were dwarfs. The "ideas" included solving the tricky problem of Carmen's escape in the first

The singers were simply left to their own devices. In the case of Neil Shicoff's Don José this proved an unwise decision. He was disposed to

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Back from the vanishing point

Ariel Dorfman tells Daniel

Rosenthal about

the long genesis of his play Widows

riel Doriman took just three weeks to write Death and the Maiden. So it seems hard to believe that he should have required seven years and assistance from another dramatist to refine an earlier play, which also focuses unerringly on the victims and villains of Latin American

dictatorship.
Yet in 1988, the Argentine-born author was deeply dissatisfied with the initial stage version of his novel, Widows - so much so that he agreed to rewrite it with a man he had never heard of, Tony Kushner, the New Yorker on the brink of international success with his Aids epic, Angels in America.

The compelling product of their collaboration was first performed in Los Angeles six years ago, and finally receives its European premiere in Cambridge tonight, in a Traverse Theatre production directed by Ian

Like Death and the Maiden, Widows is set in an unnamed Latin American country at a time of uneasy transition from totalitarianism to democracy. Where the former derived its power from the experiences of political prisoners and their torturers, Widows gives voice to the mothers, wives and daughters of "the disappeared", the thousands snatched from their homes by the secret police in Chile, Argentina and

In Camacho, a town where every man has disappeared, two battered, unrecognisable male corpses materialise in the river. Sofia Fuentes, an elderly peasant, claims them as her missing husband and father, bringing herself and, eventually, all of the waiting women into conflict with a conscience-stricken but implacable

Dorfman has been "obsessed" by the disappeared since 1973, when General Pinochet's coup in Chile forced him and his young family into exile. "Democracy has returned to Chile, but I still have friends who are missing," he says. "The women in Widows experience the worst horror imaginable: not knowing if your loved one is alive or dead."

The defiant old woman and the quasi-mythical river which gives back its dead first appeared in Dorfman's 1976 poem, Identity. Two years later, writing in Spanish, he began to expand the story into a novel. He transplanted the action to



Ariel Dorfman's Widows, in collaboration with Tony Kushner, receives its European premiere tonight

distance from more contemporary horrors, and thereby give the book a better (though unrealised) hope of appearing under a pseudonym in

Chile, where his work was banned. In 1986, he returned the action to Latin America for a stage adaptation, which was premiered in Fort Worth. Texas, two years later, winning a best new play award. But even after numerous rewrites, Dorfman felt

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1940s Greece to give it a Crucible-like something was fundamentally wrong with his play. Death and the Maiden would prove much easier to write because he was "not adapting something which already worked in another form": with Widows, he remained "too enmeshed" in his Spanish prose narrative to produce effective drama in English. Hence, at the suggestion of director Bob Egan,

the introduction to Kushner.

unlikely pairing. Tony is wholly North American and rooted in the theatre; I'm a bilingual Latin American who's spent most of his life on prose and poetry," says Doriman. "Ariel writes very fast, like a dynamo; I work slowly and am

hugely undisciplined," says Kushner. Politically, however, they had similar preoccupations. Kushner ad-Doriman's anti-Pinochet

International demonstrations in New York, marching to the Chilean Embassy with the photograph of a disappeared girl around his neck. Dorfman recalls how they also "shared common ground aesthetically, both believing that political theatre must not simply inform and denounce, it must engage the audi-

ence's imagination".

Kushner found Widows, the novel. immensely dramatic, with a simplicity of narrative that resembles Greek tragedy" (it contains deliberate ech-oes of The Trojan Women and Antigone). "I wrote a stage version which was more argumentative than Ariel's. He thought it interesting but

wanted a more collaborative process "We spent seven days at his home in Durham, North Carolina, working more intensively than I've ever worked before or since. I typed and Ariel paced. We'd write a few lines, read them aloud, then write some more. We changed the opening and the whole rhythm. Whenever we got stuck, we devised solutions that differed from what either of us had originally advocated." Dorfman says Kushner freed him from his personal involvement in the story: "Tony was enormously helpful. He was the play's midwife."

idows, "by Ariel Dorfman with Tony Kushner", opened in LA in 1991, but its evolution was still incomplete. The remarkable simultaneous triumphs of Death and the Maiden and Angels in America meant both authors were too busy to give Widows the additional rewrite Dorfman wanted. Kushner eventually said: "Ariel, it's your play, you should do what you want with it."

Dorfman was finally spurred into action in 1993 by a phone call from Brown, expressing his desire to stage Widows in Edinburgh. He made some of the dialogue "more magical" and introduced a partially autobiographical narrator, a Latin American exile who "witnesses the action from afar". At last, he had reached what might be termed a Widows peak.

Kushner looks back on the collaboration as "a great experience", but it remains the only writing partnership of his career. Dorfman, describing himself as "extremely flexible", continually juggles projects. several of which have involved his two sons. With Rodrigo, 30, he recently finished a play satirising Hollywood. With Joaquin, 18, he has completed a film script called Playing it Cool. "I helped Joaquin to develop the central character," he explains. Let's say I was his Tony Kushner."

• Widows, supported by Barclays Stage Partners, is at Cambridge Arts (01223 503333), tonight until Saturday; Oxford Playhouse (01865 798600), March 11-15; Newcastle Playhouse (0191-230 5151), March 18-22; Traverse, Edinburgh (0131-

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the auditorium.

The Prelude to Mussorg-sky's Khovanshchina (in the Rimsky-Korsakov version), though not entirely lacking in early-morning atmosphere, was too even both texturally and structurally. That was at the beginning of the concert. There was no such problem after the interval in Shostako-vich's Fifteenth Symphony, which was presented not only with the rhythmic intensity so characteristic of this conductor but also with each event weighed exactly according to its importance. The details were so clear and the climaxes so firmly placed that, whatever the meaning of this enigmatic work, everyone had the opportunity to come to a well informed conclusion about it.

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that, however playful the first movement might be, Shosta-kovich's last symphony is neither an intellectual tease nor, like the Ninth, a cheerful evasion of serious issues. For him the heart of the work is its funereal Adagio, where the expressively liberated and eloquently played cello solos said it all. The rest of the work fell into place round that formative experience. The ending, though consolatory, was also eerily and uneasily unreal.

The item at the centre of this elegantly planned programme of Mussorgsky and Shostakovich was the latter's orchestral version of the former's Songs and Dances of Death. Although the arrangement might be disproportionate to the scale of the songs, it is certainly true to their sound. With a singer as well equipped as Sergei Alexashkin to take advantage of the situation, it also adds a powerfully dra-matic dimension to the comparatively modest ambition of the original.

GERALD LARNER

Edge of the abyss

CHRISTOPH von Dohnányi's pair of concerts with the Philharmonia this week offer both celebration and challenging reassessment of Schubert in his bicentenary year. While tonight's will test the notions of "finished" and "unfinished" symphonies, Sunday's threw new light on the most emphatically completed of them all:

Solti's own opinion is clearly

the "Great C major". Only within the last decade have conductors and orchestras really dared not to take the figure nine and the tag "Great" at stolid and overreverent face value. Schubert knew well that divine play was also a part of honour, and the Philharmonia and Dohnányi duly made the finale a brightly coloured mosaic of Beethovenian allusion.

Right at the start, Dohnányi showed himself alert to the latest musicological wisdom by finding just two light beats for the springing horn and lithe woodwind chords of the opening Andante - and maintaining the same pulse through into the Allegro.

Oboe and clarinet were dreaming wanderers over the determined footfall of the secPhilharmonia/ Dohnányi Festival Hall

ond movement and, although Dohnányi's tendency to clip a rhythmic wing or two showed itself at times, the amassing of the fearsome diminished chords which leads to the movement's denouement was concentrated enough to bring the music to the very edge of

The focus on the woodwind as an occasional and independent band of serenaders had been cleverly anticipated in the choice of Mozart's C minor Piano Concerto K491 before the interval. Murray Perahia is clearly falling in love with this repertoire all over again. This was a performance of exceptional beauty, subdued yet incisive, and quietly confident enough to free the slow movement to sing out in utter simplicity, and to take a bold. decisive lead in the finale's

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hat goes through the heads of the middleaged women who rush up to the footlights at the end of Heathcliff in order to be very, very close to Cliff Richard? Well. Marie Jones's Women on the Verge of HRT (at the Vaudeville) provides plausible answers.

Women reaching their halfcentury sometimes find fantasy substitutes for men who are boorish, neglectful or just plain missing. For them, the Cliffs and Daniel O'Donnells are a blend of Prozac and powdered rhino horn: aphrodisiacs that simultaneously lull and thrill. Jones's sometimes affrac-

tive, sometimes samey, play opens with filmed interviews of middle-aged women at an O'Donnell concert. They like him a lot. Then up go the stage-lights and, lo. a hotel room occupied by two friends who like him still more. Onc, Anna, has brought a pillow case with his photograph on it The other, Vera, broods about the husband who abandoned her for a much younger woman, and feels she is fit only for a "sex scrapheap". followed by a "sex hospice".

Some of Vera's lines are good, and Jones, who herself plays the part, puts them over with a sulky swagger. But they have become repetitive well before Eileen Pollock's quieter. sadder Anna accuses her of heing boring. Since the first act consists of her complaints. Anna's revelation that her own husband has not had sex with her for years, and the appearance of Dessie Gallagher as a young waiter who does conjuring tricks and sings romantic ballads, the interval does not come too soon.

The second act, which whisks the women to a beach at dawn, is rather more eventful and substantial. While a banshee wails offstage, the



Eileen Pollock, Marie Jones and Dessie Gallagher examine the woman's lot in love

waiter transmutes into a series of characters from the women's native Belfast: rejecting husband, philandering husband: young wife who has chosen an older spouse in the belief he will not abandon her. older wife who is prepared to trade love for the show of marital respectability.

What does this mix of realism and jiggery-pokery achieve! Well, it allows Jones to present a cross-section of disillusion and cynicism. What are women who dislike their men but fear loneliness to do? What kind of sex life can the older woman expect? Why should men find it easier to find new partners than they do? Good questions, I guess; but it is a pity that Darby and Joan figure nowhere in Jones's personal mythology.

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Away the lads

FOOTBALL has dribbled into the zeitgeist of the chattering classes, so it's hardly surprising that it has become something of a theatrical fetish. In Golden Own Goal, Paul

Pavitt's farce at the Old Red Lion, the old battle lines between the sexes are invoked when Dave and Stu persuade their respective partners, Nicky and Toni, that they should part during the 1996 European championship the lads to watch the entire tournament on TV at Stu's place, the women to unpick their marriages at Dave's. Goals, mostly own goals,

are scored by both teams as their relationships fall apart in the heat of the moment. Alistair Galbraith's Dave is a NIGHTINGALE gambling building contractor;

J. Simpson's Stu is a dim. Chelsea-mad brickie. They are

unreconstructed slobs; selfish, racist and criminally ignorant about their wives. The women are handled with slightly more grace. "What's smart casual?" asks Debby Bishop's Toni. "Where I come from it means you shave your lees.'

says Liz Edmond's Nicky. But while Pravitt's observations on these working-class relationships may be crushing, his insights on selfishness and honesty are strictly limited; the effect is like pounding a blancmange with a sledgehammer. Nevertheless, the whole thing is stuck together with great good humour by Ken McClymont.

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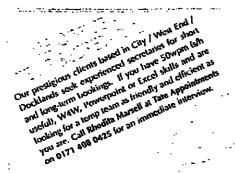
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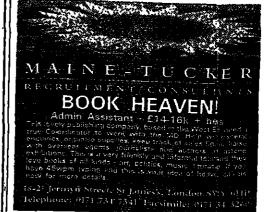
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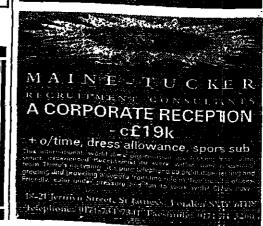


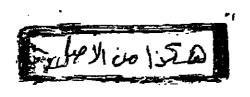


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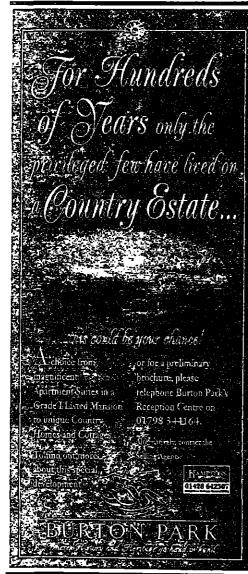
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Juliet Morris, left, presenter of The House Detectives, says: "History is not just on your doorstep—it is your doorstep." Bidston, centre, and Preston, right, are two of the locations visited by the time-detectives in the BBC2 series

History's coming home

adness, the Black Death and sexual intrigue are the foundation stones on which Anne and David Tombs's house is built. The tales of woe - which make the worst revealed by a local authority search seem trivial were uncovered when the Tombses had the medieval building in Ledbury, Hereford and Worcester, investigated.

The family were puzzled because a local guidebook described their large home as a tithe barn, even though it appeared to have been constructed around two large open halls. Delving into the past proved daunting until the Tombses' case was taken up by a team of BBC architectural sleuths as part of a six-part television series. David Austin. Professor of Archaeology at the University of Wales, Lampeter, Mac Dowdy of Cambridge Univer-sity, and Judith Miller, an interior design historian, have investigated six homes in Britain for the series, The House Detectives, which began on BBC2 last night.

The Tombses already knew their house. Abbots Lodge, had been home to local vicars from the early 1800s until the 1960s. The experts went on to prove that the family

had been right to question its reputation as an old tithe barn. In fact, a survey in 1288 by the Bishop of Hereford, known as the Red Book, showed that the Lodge

had comprised two buildings erect-

Your home may have a remarkable

history. Eve-Ann Prentice reports on an intriguing new television series

ed side by side, one occupied by a vicar and the other by a deacon. Further research uncovered a fascinating glimpse of English religious life down the centuries, including details of the less salubrious aspects of some members of the

priesthood who lived there. Juliet Morris, who presents The House Detectives, says: "Watch the programmes and you'll be able to unlock the secrets of your own home. Ordinary houses reveal as much about British history and how people lived in the past as grand palaces and castles. The series proves that history is not just on your doorstep - it is your

The six homes visited by the time-detectives are in Preston, Lancashire; Bidston Village, in The Wirral, Cheshire; Dunsby, Lincolnshire; Swanage, Dorset; Manningtree, Essex: and Ledbury. The team reveals concealed cellars, blockedup smugglers' tunnels and a reput-

Mulberry Cottage in Swanage was thought by its owners to be Georgian, until the sleuths found evidence linking it to the Bronze Age. In Manningtree, two adjoining houses in the High Street were swathed in legends of smugglers, witchcraft and the Spanish Armada and the house detectives had the task of separating fact from fiction.

WIN A DETECTIVE GUIDE

READERS may have seen the feature in Weekend last Saturday on tracing a house's history. Now you can win a copy of the book, *Be Your Own House Detective*, to be published by BBC Books. It accompanies the series and shows how to gather details of your home's history, offering a step-by-step guide.

First, answer the following question (the answer is contained in the article above): Which six places in Britain do *The House Detectives* visit

during the BBC2 series? Send answers on postcards to House Detective Offer, Midas Public Relations, 7-8 Kendrick Mews, London SW7 3HG, to arrive by next Wednesday. The first 20 with the correct answer will receive the book, which goes on sale on March 20 at £16.99. Usual *Times* rules apply.

In Ledbury, the Tombses have been inspired to continue research into the lives of the vicars who once occupied their home.

The house detectives offer the following advice for anyone wanting to trace the history of their

 Visit your local records office and look at old maps to find out when the house was built and how the area has changed.

 View the property from outside and identify the general style, such as Georgian or Victorian.

 Chimneys are strong clues to the date and general history of a building. Compare the front with sides and back. If the style differs, there is a

masked by later changes. Look at the general proportions of the rooms. Low ceilings, for example, can indicate medieval and Renaissance origins.

• Make a plan of the general

chance that it is an early house

layout - is it one, unified design or has it evolved? Look at doors and windows.

Although these are sometimes changed or replaced, there are often tell-tale fragments from earlier features. When decorating or renovating. note earlier colour schemes and

styles of plasterwork.

• Go to the attic and look at the roof. Many features, such as roof timbers, are likely to be original. Matthew Bond, page 47

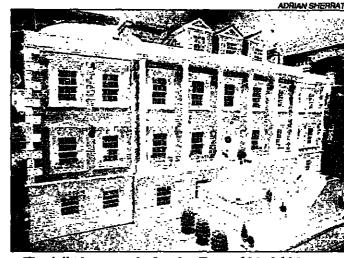
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sandpaper.
"I had been building model boats from kits," he says, "and after seeing a picture of Britannia House and other dolls' houses in a magazine, I set about designing what is now Barnard Hall."

The lavishly detailed house, which Mr Wood named after his girlfriend, took 5.000 hours to complete and has just gone on permanent display at the London Toy Museum. Mr Wood admits he took wood from the prison carpentry class and built the house secretly in his cell. "The main problem I had in the beginning was to obtain all the materials and hide them from the prison authorities due to the size of the project," he says, "I knew that otherwise I would not be allowed to build it as the rules state that no model larger than 18 by 12 inches can be made. Therefore. I designed it in four sections - the main section, two side sections and the steps assembly -

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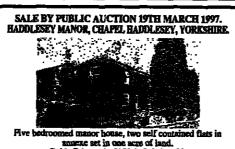
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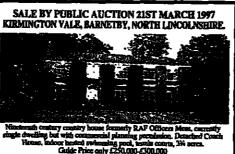
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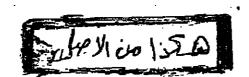
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On those March days when the Irish seemed to bring the worst of their weather across the sea along with the best of their horseflesh, Dan Moore and Tommy Carberry formed a partnership as competitive and successful as any in the history of Prestbury Park. Or Aintree, for that matter.

Carberry rode four Gold Cup winners, though only three — Ten Up and L'Escargot (twice) - appear in the record books. On a poignant afternoon 17 years ago, the 12-year-old Tied Cottage ploughed up the Cheltenham hill to give Dan his fifteenth and last Festival winner. His wife, Joan, was in charge that day because, as the world of racing well knew, Dan Moore was in the grip of a terminal illness. Within months, he had died and Tied Cottage had forfeited the race after a positive drug test. "We won it though." Tommy Carberry maintains to this day.

Yet Irish racing dynasties are not so easily crushed. A generation on, Paul Carberry will grace the Gloucestershire hills next week with a handful of promising rides.

Paul Carberry, 23, has a long road ahead to emulate the feats of his father and he is acutely conscious, almost embarrassed, by the constant reminders of his pedigree. He is, he says in the way of



Carberry collects his saddle from the weighing room before riding a double at Kelso yesterday. Photograph: Paul Clements

famous sporting sons, Paul not Tommy Carberry and he

one record afready. With the will do it his way. gloom fast closing on a miser-"It's certainly been a help able second day for the Irish in having the name of Carberry, but a lot of people have said 1993, a horse called Rhythm Section burst away from the hey, if you're half as good as Guinness Festival Bumper field to bring renewed glory to a familiar name. Like his your father, you'll be okay, and I let it go straight through me. He hasn't tried to influfather. Paul won on his first ence me, he's left me to learn ride at Cheltenham, albeit on the flat. The only difference

was the style of the man on it, always have. I get a better

While Tommy was brought up in the more traditional way of the Irish horseman, with a deep seat and long reins, Paul rides as short as many Flat jockeys. Too short for his father's liking. "I was riding on the Flat at Dundalk one time and he said my backside was a bit high," Paul said. "But that's just the way I do

feel of a horse up there. If I

rode long, I'd feel awkward and I don't fall off many." On the farm outside Dublin where he was brought up. there was little choice of sport. If walking was second nature, riding was a short-head third. Carberry was on his first pony at the age of three; riding the

paddock by eight or nine. Not even an accident to his brother Thomas, who was knocked unconscious by a fall and suffered periodic fits afterwards, prevented Paul from pursuing his unspoken ambi-tion. No real decision was ever made. You either rode, like Paul, or you left, like his other brother, Mark, who works as a builder in the United States.

The Irish telegraph was soon humming with news of a bright talent with a familiar name. Under the guidance of Noel Meade, Carberry became champion apprentice in Ireland before taking up the prestigious post of retained ockey to Robert Ogden, one of the most powerful owners in the north of England.

broken arm put him A out for three months at the start of this season. but 37 winners, including a double at Kelso yesterday, for a variety of masters and his strong hand of rides next week General Command, Alzulu and Squire Silk, along with Cockney Lad in the Champion Hurdle and Addington Boy in the Gold Cup — confirm his growing reputation as a fearless horseman. "He has a superb sense of pace, a fine racing brain and tremendous courage," Meade said.

Back home, father Tommy

will watch with pride if the family name returns to its rightful place in the winner's enclosure and, very probably, shake his head in dismay at the unorthodox style. The rest of us will just have to prepare ourselves for another decade or so of Carberry mayhem.

Jockey Club leads call for rethink on prize funding

By Richard Evans. Racing correspondent

A RADICAL rethink in the way E30 million of prizemoney is allocated annually to Britain's 59 racecourses is being demanded by the Jockey Club and the Racehorse Owners' Association

In separate submissions to the British Horseracing Board (BHB), the two organisations have argued that distribution of the Levy Board funding should be linked far more closely to the performance of individual tracks in contributing towards race purses. Courses which are suc-

cessful in raising money via sponsors or contribute towards prize-money from their own coffers should be rewarded with more levy finance — and those who fail should receive far less. The demand reflects a growing irritation that some courses do little to attract extra cash -- and just rely on levy finance to keep them in profit.

Christopher Foster, executive director of the Jockey Club, said yesterday: "Our feeling, which is shared by others, is that the present system of producing prize-money doesn't really give racecourses any incentive to put up more money.

"If the Levy Board is going to be restrained over the next few years in how much it can find for prizemoney, there is a need to stimulate other contributors to prize-money, and that

courses and sponsors. "We believe that the Levy Board scheme should be reordered to give racecourses much greater incentive to go out and seek sponsorship or put up their own money. There should be some variation of matching funds' with racecourses rewarded for the amount

they put up."
The Jockey Club stance is significant because its wholly-owned subsidiary, Racecourse Holdings Trust, owns and runs a dozen courses, ranging from Cheltenham and Epsom to Market Rasen and Warwick.

The Levy Board is reviewing an existing merit table system which influences, to a limited extent, how much cash different courses re-

John Paxman, director general of the ROA, said: Owners feel racecourses, who have received a great deal of financial help from the Levy Board and the BHB through the customerfriendly fixture list, have not put sufficient back into racing in the form of prizemoney — particularly with regard to Sunday racing."

The submissions from the two organisations are in response to the BHB's review of racing. It is likely their sentiments will find favour with a majority of BHB members — and could take British racing a step closer to a two-tier sport.

BANGOR

2.10 MORPHEUS (nap)

3.40 Ramsdens 4.10 Cariboo Gold

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4,40 LOUGH TULLY. Carl Evans: 2.40 Cape Cottage.

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Moffatt's aim

LAGEN BRIDGE, the com fortable winner of the Glen Novices Hurdle at Kelso yesterday for trainer Dudley Moffatt, could tackle the Royal Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham next week.

3.40 HOLYWELL SELLING HURDLE

Paul has managed to equal

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456		FURST BEE 86 (F) (D Puchi F Jordan 6-11-3	75
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409	GP GP	BACAHANDER 22 (L. Metcall) R Philips 5-11-2 D Bridgerater	_
410	96/P0P0-	BIT OF ROUGH 31P (Mrs. D Foods) W Clay 7-11-2	72
411	0-24652	ELA MAN HOWA 20F (Ponte Club) A Bades 6-11-2 D Gallagher	69
412		ESPLA 22 (), Dohesty: J Macro 6-11-2 W McFastand	
413	45.105	KING RAT 8 (B) (T K Construction) J O Shea 6-11-2 A P McCoy	•
414	055-P0	KINGS VISION 36 (Als C Wilson) W Jenks 5-11-3	_
415	FP6-0	QUEXITITY 11 (F Dickerson) J Mackey 6-11-2 W Marston	-
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418	50204	LAUGHING BUCCANEER 33 (D Care) D Carry 4-10-8	82
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Cyborgo gathers support

CYBORGO, the Martin Pipe-trained gelding, has been cut from 20-1 to t6-1 by Ladbrokes for the Cheltenham Gold Cup after confirmation that Charlie Swan will ride him. Cyborgu. who is unbeaten in three novice chases, pleased the Irish

champion jockey during a workout on Monday.

"I schooled him over six fences and he jumped very well."

Swan said. "He's very laid-back but tough and he's a class horse, having won the Stayers' Hurdle. With luck in running he has to be thereabouts in the Gold Cup."

Tony McCoy, who had been linked with Cyborgo, will partner Mr Mulligan at Cheltenham.

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CSF (289) 1 Smart Approach (P Niven, 5-4 lav), 2, Soloman Spangs (8-1); 3, Mastor of The Rock (5-1), 5 ran, 3 t-1, 221 Mrs. M Reveloy Tote © 170; © 110, 23, 10 DF: 94, 70 CSF, 99, 87

Geing: good (soft in places)
2.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Teeton Mill (Mr B Pollock, 11-10 tan, 2. Cherry Island (10-1): 3. Up For Ransome (50-1): 15 ran, NR Tellaporty, 31,314 Mass C Saunders, Toto C330, C130, C420, E13 90, DF: £13.20 Tno £205, 30, CSF: £10.34

RICHARD EVANS

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Wison 66-1), 2, Featade (25-1), 3, Glen
Oak (20-1) Corner Boy 7-4 fat. 7 rat. 1.
2 J Haldane Tate £49.70, £13.40
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4.50 (2m 1f ch) 1, A Windy Citizon (Mr A
Sansome, 5-2 g-law), 2, Nowheski (8-1), 3.
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Jackpot £19,580.10 (0 1 wanning tickets. Pool of £24,819,88 carried forward to Bangor today). Placepot £1,214.40 Quadpot £334.60.

Lingfield Park Going: Slandard

2.10 (Sh. 1. Eager To Please (D Holland 100-30 fayl; 2. Blues Magic (7-2), 3. Sputking Edge (11-2), 8 ran NR Challing 114 mt Mes G Kedevary Tote C189, C1 10, 23 10, 51 70 DF: 27 70 The C189 CSF: 512 91 CSF 512 91
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3.80 (151 1) In Present (14-bit) 64 11-65 3.40 (1m) 1. Live Project (D Holland, 11-4); 2. Royal Carbon (5-2 tas) 3. Robelian (3-1), 7. ran. Nik, St. M. Johnston, Take: £4.00; £2.00, £1.40 DF £4.10, CSF, £9.49 2:100, 2:140 P 54:10, C24, 19:49 4:10 (1m) 1, NG Chi Sagar (R Hughes, 16:1) 2: Tuncamata (3:1 p-tan): 3, Perdous Phylo (100:30); Ress 3:1 (-tan): 8 (an): 2:1, shi nd M Madawark, Toto: 25:30 5:300 6:10 DF 536:40 C2F 660 60 A40 (Im 50, 1, English Invader (Afr T McCarthy, 5-1), 2, Dorit Drop Bornto (16-1); 3, Hogshi of Fame (7-1), Lok 3-1 (av. 14) (an 4) 3) C, Dever Toto 57-00, 52-30, 51-80, 51-80 DF 579-80 Toto 524-40 CSF 580.55 Theory 528-26

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THUNDERER 1.55 Lbcs. 2.25 Oversman. 3.00 Political Sam. 3.30 Bold Account, 4.00 Tip It In. 4.30 Roberty Lea, 5.00 Easby Blue.

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6	05	ROMALDKIRK 11 V Thompson 5-11-0 . Mr M Thompson -	-
7		UNDAWATERSCUBADINA SF M Biethy 5-11-0 A Dobbin -	-
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9		PENNY PEPPERAMENT 20 R 8am 5-10-9 D Panker -	
10	600	TWABLADE 333 F Murphy 9-10-9 Mr Foster -	-
11	0	OVERSMAN 95 J Fitzgezád 4-10-6 P Carberry -	
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Oliver Holt on a former world champion pursued by his image

Schumacher in search of limited company

was almost deserted. Just two teams, Ferrari and McLaren, were there. It was a closed test, open only to people invited by the participants. Somewhere, on the pit wall or in the garages, there were one or two journalists and a couple of photographers. Out in the sun, by a wire fence, three drivers were talking. David Coulthard was the most

animated of the trio, standing and making a point that made the other two laugh. Eddie irvine was lounging, propped up against the fence, practising his studied laconic look. Next to them, staring up at the blue sky. on the bonnet of a car savouring a rare moment of peace.

For Schumacher, twice a Formula One world champion. these moments are few and far between, pases in the desert of his celebrity and his wealth. His elevation to the ranks of the highest-paid sportsmen, behind only Evander Holyfield and Michael Jordan, has brought as its inevitable corollary the erosion of the private life he holds so

He has taken the loss of the world championship to Damon Hill last year in his stride, is still committed to the long-term goal of building Ferrari into the giant of the late 1990s, and resigned. apparently, to losing to Jacques Villeneuve and his Williams-Renault both in the first race of the season, the Australian Grand Prix here in Melbourne on Sunday, and throughout the rest of the year.

The effect of the blanket scrutiny, the unremitting attention, the presence of the mobs of fans and autograph-hunters that swarm around him every time he appears in public, has been to make him tense, even irritable, in public and to reinforce the common opinion that he is just another arrogant German, a strutting Teuton without a hint of

vulnerability. It is the quality that most people associate him with, confusing it, perhaps, with his above the rest as a driver," Alan ruthless superiority on the track. Jones, the Australian former his systematic crushing of Hill in 1994 and 1995 and his austere don't like him as a person. He's public persona, but, as he con- arrogant."

the role of underdog, he took the opportunity of that test in Estoril last month to speak for the first time about the misconceptions that surround his personality.

"Of course I am confident in certain respects," he said. "But what I am not confident in is handling a big mass of people and that is where I tend to look arrogant, I think. It is because I am trying to make a shell around myself to stop people coming too close to me.

"As I have grown up as a nobody, sometimes I don't understand why people become so crazy for me. I would not go to anyone and ask for signatures so it is difficult for me to understand why they want one. I accept it. I do it because it is part of my job but I don't particularly like it.

"I have loved this test because I could just be myself for a bit. sitting in the sun. If I have ten photographers around me or ten people, then it makes me feel uncomfortable because they look at you and they listen to you. And then you just have to disappear

"I know that because of it. I look arrogant sometimes. I don't like it because I know I am not that way, but if people do not see the real Michael Schumacher then that is up to them."

e added: "Even now that I have moved to Switzerland, where I thought people would not bother me so much as they did in Monaco, I get disturbed when I go shopping with my wife in the supermarket. I give one autograph and then they all come and, again, this is the time when I look arrogant because I say: This is private, and people do not understand."

When he arrived in Melbourne two days ago to prepare for the race on Sunday and to try to begin the process of claiming Ferrari's first world drivers' title for 18 years, the same problems screamed out at him from local newspapers and magazines.

"Schumacher is on a pedestal world champion, said, "but I



when Schumacher made a mild criticism of the Albert Park circuit, where the race will be held, the promoter questioned Schumacher's manhood and said he expected better from a sportsman "who earns in excess of \$30 million a year".

Schumacher is scheduled to appear at a press conference tomorrow to try to still the controversy without it hampering his preparations for a race for which he may struggle to qualify in the front two rows.

If anything, Ferrari appear to have gone backwards over the winter, slipping from Williams' chief challengers to a team struggling to keep pace with the advances made by both Benetton and McLaren. In the early stages of the season, in particular, Schumacher admits Ferrari may not be competitive.

"I accept this situation at Ferrari and I expected it." Schumacher said. "In the longterm I still think I can achieve my goal, which is to win the championship with Ferrari and then make the team the equivalent of the McLaren of the Eighties and the Williams of the Nineties. always a step ahead of the

Much of the groundwork, the restructuring, has now been done at Ferrari headquarters in Maranello. Men such as Ross Brawn and Rory Byrne, the technical and design kingpins of Schumacher's success with Benetton, have been drafted in

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and the troublesome system of designing the car in England and building it in Italy has been scrapped. The changes were made too late to affect this season but they should bear fruit in

Even these developments though, have paled into insignificance for a man to whom racing is supposed to be everything. Two weeks ago his wife, Corinna, gave birth to their first child, Gina Maria, but in Estoril, a week before she arrived, Schumacher was happy to admit how important his family was to

"Racing is fun." he said, "but family is everything together. It covers the whole of life from beginning to end. When I feel the baby move in my wife's tummy when she moves around in the morning or in the evening, racing is nothing compared to

Fighting a losing battle to suppress the basic instincts

SIMON BARNES

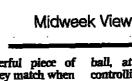
gloriously natural player, people say, a wonderfully instinctive player. This is a routine chunk of praise, sometimes with a faintly patronising ring to it; you are more likely to find a black athlete praised for his glorious instinct than a

On Saturday, Chelsea were cruising comfortably enough to a victory when Frank Lebocuf stopped the ball with his hand. It was, if you like, a wonderfully instinctive save certainly, Leboeuf acted

without thought.

He acted almost in spite of himself, in defiance of cerebral messages screaming at him to keep his hands to himself. Instinct took over, though, and was unstoppable. Consequently, Chelsea lost Leboeuf, who was sent off for his crime. the match, and the three

Sport is supposed to be rather an animal sort of pastime, one in which animal instincts run riot, but this is not the case at all. As soon as an athlete relies on instinct, he is in trouble. Graham Gooch, for example, was out "handled the ball when batting for England. The ball was looping onto the stumps and the gloved hand darted out, under its own volition, to dab the ball away. Gooch, mortified, left the field. The instinctive dab was performed with him a



I heard of a wonderful piece of instinctive play in a hockey match when a player courageously headed a shot off the line. He was sent off for the crime, but had to leave the pitch anyway because he knocked himself out - and the penalty stroke was converted anyway. But the poor dizzy defender could not help himself.

The other week, I watched Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens scrum half, in a piece of classically instinctive play. A player got by him and, unable to help himself, he dropped his man with a ferocious stiff-arm tackle. Goulding, too, left the field horrified at himself. Both codes of rugby are combat sports in which you must stop your man. Such tackles, though punished severely, are inevitable.

People talk about instinctive batting, but most of batting is about overcoming the natural instinct to get out of the way of a dangerous missile. This is precisely why cricket is regarded so highly as a test of character for the young. Always mistrust a baisman who tells

you his favourite stroke is the cut it is the only textbook shot you can play while moving away from the ball. Good batting is about the defiance of your natural instincts. Many batsmen will stand away from their bat and, as the ball is bowled, move towards it. It is a to his marvellous West Indian wrists and way of short-circuiting the instinct to run . marvellous West Indian eyes. It was due, away.

Primates - lemurs, monkeys and

various apes, including our own species - are defined by their hands, equipped as they are with opposable thumbs. In humankind, the bipedal gait freed the hands and set them up exclusively as organs of manipulation, rather than

Football is about defiance of that essential fact of human life. Only the goalkeeper represents a higher form of life by using his hands. Football, like cricket, is a game about the conquest of natural instinct.

A further layer of quasi-instinctive behaviour comes into sport with practice.
It is not exactly innate behaviour, but a difficult mélange of instinct and the desire to play the chosen game. Thus, a batsman will naturally seek to hit every: ball. At the lower levels of the game, you

find players quite incapable of playing a leaveshot. Even at the highest level, players compulsively twitch outside off-stump at balls they know they should not play. The corridor of uncertainty is not the question of whether or not the hall the question of whether or not the batsman is capable of controlling his schooled-in instinct to play at the ball.

Chasing the ball is also quasi-instinctive in football. Watch children playing and you find 20 of them around the ball like a loose scrum. Foot-

ball, at any decent level, is about controlling the schooled-in instinct to run after the ball and to hold shape, to be sponsible, tactically aware.

It is at this point that we find a further complication. Players seeking to rise to a higher level must use their brains, but if instinct can lead to disastrous movement, thought can lead to paralysis Mike Gatting, seeking to establish himself as a Test cricketer, was determined to play sensibly and not to play his natural game, but to be responsible. Don't try to whack everything, he told himself. He was out leg-before without playing a stroke twice in the same Test

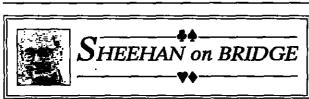
In the same way, teams get stifled by tactical demands, by the need to keep it tight, to play within their limits, to defy the instinct for freedom that lurks in any one who ever played a game.

The fact is, you see, that sport is an

unnatural act and not an animal pastime at all. Sport is distinctly cerebral. It is about going beyond what is natural.

Sport is a high product of civilisation. nothing less; one that is based on the brain's capacity to master natural instinct.

Let us leave the last word with C. L. R. James, writing of the "natural instincts" of Sir Learie Constantine: "It was not due. if you must have it, to his marvellous West Indian brains."



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

An impressive 527 teams from 203 clubs have entered the Fidelity Investments 1996-7 inter-club knockout. This hand is from a second round match between teams from Reading and

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Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: see of clubs North's Precision Club opening showed any hand with 16+ points. The Five Spade re-sponse to 4 NT denoted two out of five "aces" (the trump king counts as an ace), and the queen of spades. There may be some hidden nuances I have not absorbed, but it looks like North's use of Blackwood with

a void was the reason for the missed grand slam. He then had no way of telling whether South's two "aces" included the wasted ace of clubs. The play in Six Spades on a club lead is not trivial. Declar-

er might ruff and, noting Seven Diamonds is a racing

By Philip Howard

OGOPOGO a. Soviet Secret Police b. A bouncing stick

c. A water monster RIS DE VEAU a. Calf pilaff b. The cow that laughs

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certainty, play off a despondent ace-king of trumps. Now he would go horribly down if a defender holds four trumps and is able to ruff in early when declarer plays off his diamonds, Reading's Janet Barnes played a spade to the ten at

trick two, keeping control of the hand, come what may. With spades 3-2, this looked like a nice play in a losing cause. She need not have worried: Abingdon had stop-ped in Four Spades, and so Reading had gained 11 IMPs. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

a. Coconut liquor b. A leaf ball c. A Polynesian language SAMHAIN b. A grain like barley

c. A Jewish month Answers on page 46



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Oxford win

Three potential grandmasters were competing in this year's Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge. Two of them, Jonathan Parker (Cambridge) and Dharshan Kumaran (Öxford) drew their game on top board. The third possible candidate. Oxford player Jonathan Rowson, won an imaginative game on board two of the match. The opening saw a rare metamorphosis from a closed version of the Sicilian Defence to a type of Benko Gambit, witness to the extraordinary flexibility of

modern opening systems.
Black sacrificed a pawn on the queenside in typical Benko style, obtained open lines in compensation and then swept through the white position to force a convincing win.

White: Matthew Turner Black: Jonathan Rowson Oxford v Cambridge February 1997 Sicilian Defence

3 g3 4 d3 5 Bg2 6 0-0 11 Ne1 12 I4 13 Nc2 14 Re1 15 Bf1

Nxc4 Rab8 Nb6 Bxe6 Ra8 Rfb8 c4 Oc5 Na4 Od4 47 Kg4 48 Rc3

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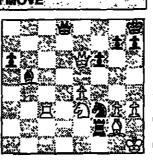
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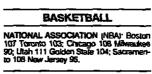
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Brunner — Fuhrmann, German League 1997. The black rook and knight have invaded the white position and Black now capitalised by driving the white king to its doom. Can you work out the sequence that achieved this?

Solution on page 46





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*Middlesbrough v Derby (7 45)
*Nottingham Forest v Shelf Wad (7 45)
*Southampton v Everton

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Kick-off 7.30 unless stated * denotes all-ticket match

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Nationwide League First division

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2 Oldham 1

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ISSLEY: Classic Revolver: 1, North London RC 580; 2, Historic Breech Loaders 554; 3, London & Middlesex 548, 4, South London RC 528; 5, Army Targel Shooting Club 458. ROWING

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Brasenose, New College, University,
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Ballol, St. Peter's, Lady Margaret Hell,
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Trind division (3.30)* Merton, Wolston,
Linacre, St. Hugh's, Ballol II, St. Anne's,
Pennbroke II, Marsheld, St. Edmund Hell II,
Onel II, Corpus Christi, New College II,
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II, St Bene's Hell, Jesus II, University III,
Hertford II, Keble III, Oster-Green II,
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Wollson III, Linacre II, Onel V, St. Antony's.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

League Cup: Arsonal v Norwich (2 0):
Oxford United v Bristol Rovors Postponed:
Potsmouth v Crystal Palace.
PONTRY'S CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Oxforam v Trammere (et Slatybridge Cellic PC, 7.0), First division: Blackpool v Preston (7.0), Holdsersfield v Shoffield United (7.0), Noits County v Wolverhampton (7 0); West Bromwich v Sundorland (et Holosowen Town PC, 7 0).
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v Wyke College, Humberside (2 0). RUGBY UNION

Mobbs memorial match East Midlands v Barbarians (at Northampton, 3 0) CLUB MATCH: Royal Navy v Cambridge University (at US Portsmouth, 6 0) University (at US Portsmouen, trivi) BUSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Merr: Semi-finalist: University (2006), Cardiff v Laughborough (at Newbury, 2,30); Brune LIC v Welverhumpton (at Newbury, 7,30)

RUGBY LEAGUE Second division Bramley v York (7.3d)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: London v Crystal Palace (8.0), Loncester v Nowcastia (8.0).

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SPEED SKATING

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bt M Larsson (Swe) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; M.
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6-4, B S Healton (US) bt M Westington (US),
3-6, 7-5, 6-2, J Goomerd (Fr) bt W Ferreira,
(SA) 4-8, 6-3, 6-2.

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RUGBY UNION

Scotland selectors repay players with rubber stamp

By MARK SOUSTER

FOR the first time since the five nations' championship last year, Scotland have named an unchanged side, for the match against France in Paris a week on Saturday. Given the comprehensive manner in which Scotland beat Ireland last weekend, the selectors needed little encouragement to rubber stamp the XV, who will face an altogether more demanding task at Parc des Princes, where France will be endeavouring to secure their first grand slam since 1987.

: However, the boost that Scotland received in the record victory over Ireland cannot be overestimated, even though, on reflection, several scores went begging, partly because of the conditions, which, according to David Johnston, the assistant coach, prevented Scotland from showing two thirds of their repertoire. That, together with two successive five nations' victories over France, means that they will be less cowed by the prospect of a trip to Paris than they would have had it been to Twickenham.

Although the turnover in personnel has been marked in the past year, there has been, according to Richie Dixon, the coach, a degree of consistency in team selection this season. The concerns have been more to do with positional changes and finding the right blend in midfield. With Alan Tait and Gregor Townsend in the centre, the selectors appear to have achieved that.

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Dixon named an unchanged pack after losing the

Calcutta Cup match and was rewarded with a forward display that surpassed expectation, but he will have noted the manner in which France confronted England in the scrums, and he accepted that this will be an area where the relatively inexperienced Scotland front row, which was not

sorely tested. That aside, Dixon remains

entirely convincing against a robust Ireland trio, will be

SCOTLAND

To play France, March 15
R J S Shephard (Meirose); A G Stanger (Hawcls), A V Talt (Newcastle), G P J Townsend (Nonhampton), K M Logan (Maspe); C M Chaimers (Meirose); B W Redpath (Meirose); T J Smith (Walsonars), D G Elle (Curre), M J Stewart (Northampton/Amry), R I Wainwright (Walsoniars/Amry, captain), G W Weir (Newcastle), A I Reed (Waspe), I R Smith (Moseley), P Walton (Newcastle), Replacements: I C Glasgow (Heirot's FP), D W Hodge (Walsoniers), G Armstrong (Newcastle), D F Cronin (Waspe), D I W Hillon (Bath), S J Brotherstone (Metose)

optimistic, pointing out that only three forwards survive from last year, and that it has taken time for them to gel. Glimpses of what Dixon aspires to were evident in the matches against Wales and England, but fell into place against Ireland, who, he said, had "expected to tear us apart up front, but found we turned the tables on them."

As for France, Dixon said: They are a bit of a Jekyll and Hyde team. They changed their pattern of play when they went 20-6 down against England. They started to play the same game as ourselves, namely taking the game up

through the forwards and mini rucks. France are dangerous when they flow and

There is no team like them when they are playing with confidence, but we have a core of players who played against France in the past two five nations' matches and the World Cup game in Pretoria.

"The Scotland v France games have produced fast exciting rugby in the past. It was a superb match last season because France did not try to close the game down after we blitzed them in the opening 20 minutes."

Abdelatif Benazzi, France captain and blind-side flanker, could miss the match, having sustained a rib injury against England last Saturday. He has been unable to train this week with Agen, his club, and faces a race against time to be fit. With Fabien Pelous, the Dax No 8, also doubtful with an injured right hip. France may have to make significant changes to their

back row.

☐ Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, yesterday blamed club rivalry for the number of injuries to the national team that are hindering preparations for the match against England in Cardiff on March 15. Wales have eight players needing treatment, which has forced Bowring to delay naming his team until next week. It had been due to be announced tomorrow. "I blame the intensity of the league programme and the tribalism that exists in the game in Wales," Bowring



Action replay: Elliott and Prior close in on Johnsen in the penalty incident that turned the spotlight on the referee at Stamford Bridge

FA ready to replace penalty row referee

THE Football Association yesterday said that it would replace Mike Reed, the referee involved in the penalty controversy at Stamford Bridge last week, for the FA Carling Premiership game between Chelsea and Leicester Čity on April 19 if it is asked to do so by There are renewed fears for Reed's

safety after his decision to award Chelsea the decisive penalty during the FA Cup fifth-round replay against

Steve Double, an FA spokesman,

from the police but, should we have one, we would obviously pay heed to any request regarding the safety aspect of things. If the police asked us to change the match official, it would be likely that we would pay heed to this

Reed outraged Leicester supporters by awarding a penalty to Chelsea, converted by Frank Leboeuf, their French defender, three minutes before the end of extra time. Even neutral observers were surprised at the decision, which gave Chelsea a 1-0 victory, with Martin O'Neill, the Leicester

manager, describing the penalty award as a "disgrace". Leicester supporters attacked Reed's car as he returned home to Birmingham.

Police have already spoken to the FA, but a police spokesman said that the discussions had to remain confidential. Part of the area usually allocated to visiting supporters at Stamford Bridge is close to the tunnel used by players and officials, and Reed's safety could be jeopardised.

Leicester have not objected to Reed being in charge of the match. O'Neill said: "It is not our place to make the decision for the authorities. No matter what our feelings are, we cannot go round picking who is going to referee

However, Leicester fans remain outraged. A group of them is suing the FA for £140 in damages, plus expenses, because it is claimed that one of their number had to miss two days' work because he was so distressed by Reed's decision.

The incident occurred when Reed, standing five yards away, judged that Erland Johnsen had been fouled as the Leicester defenders, Spencer Prior and Matt Elliott, converged on him as he sprinted into the penalty area.

Last four go to extremes

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

seems appropriate that teams from the country's extremities should contest the semi-finals of the CIS county champion-

ship 24 hours earlier. If Cornwall win their meeting with Cumbria at Camborne, their enthusiastic followers can recreate the invasion of Twickenham, on April 19, that was so endearing a feature of their final appearances in 1991 and 1992. On both occasions, crowds of more than 50,000 watched Cornwall as they beat Yorkshire, then lost to Lancashire

Some 9.000 spectators are expected to pack the ground for Cornwall's first meeting with Cumbria since 1984, though the visitors will have been encouraged by the selection of their captain, Mark Richardson, by the Barbarians for the game against Leicester last month. "It was the greatest thrill of my life and an occasion I'll never forget," Richardson, 36 and an ice cream manufacturer, said.

the next year.

AS THE grass roots of the The chance to play in front whom have been selected. English game have an opport of 11,000 at Welford Road was while Alnwick provide the nunity to flex their muscles at valuable preparation for Richspecial general meeting in the championship only once— Birmingham on Sunday, it as Cumberland back in 1924. He will have seven club colleagues from Aspatria alongside him. "Three days earlier, I'd played in front of about 150 for Aspatria against Hereford," Richardson said. "So, to

find myself in front of thousands was quite something." Club commitments involving Redruth and Camborne have deprived Cornwall of a substantial contingent of players; instead, they have turned to Launceston, who provide ten of their team including Danny Sloman, at full back, the county's leading scorer. Launceston are the leaders of south-west division one and their coach, Micky Stephens,

in preparing for the semi-final on Saturday. The West Country also stages the second semi-final, Somerset meeting Northum-

has co-operated with Phil

Angove, the Cornwall coach,

berland at Bridgwater. Somerset's only championship success was in 1923. Northumberland rely on the Tynedale forwards, six of

EQUESTRIANISM

King content to head

parade on personality

By JENNY MACARTHUR

while Alnwick provide the other two members of the pack the Rugby Football Union's ardson, whose county has won and three backs. Paul Singleton, the Percy Park full back. has recovered from injury and will hope to go one better than his predecessors of 1995, who reached the final but lost to

Mark Venner, the Westonsuper-Mare back-row forward, leads Somerset. hoping to add to his previous Twickenham appearance — playing for Richmond in the Middlesex sevens. The county have an unblemished record in the championship this season, though they had to work hard to turn an IS-7 deficit against Hampshire into a 21-20 win in

the quarter-finals. ☐ Michael Dods, who played on the Scotland wing last season, appears at full back for East Midlands in the annual Mobbs memorial match with the Barbarians at Northampton today.

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Hoddle faces dispute | Little ready to run gauntlet with club managers

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GLENN HODDLE may be heading for a confrontation with FA Carling Premiership tic schedule of matches this summer. The announcement this week of a friendly against South Africa at Old Trafford on May 24. and the team's participation in a World Cup dress rehearsal tournament in France, has created a fixture

which England will play five games in 18 days this summer. including a vital World Cup qualifier in Poland.

However. Alex Ferguson. the Manchester United manager. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, and Kenny . Dalglish, charge at Newcastle United, appear ready to withdraw their players from at least some of those games.

The summer will be a rest for Manchester United players, it has to be," Ferguson said yesterday. "We start training on the fourth of July. while we could be playing our last game on May 28th. I don't know how we can possibly rest players unless we take those five weeks. I have some

players playing on June 8 in World Cup games, which I can't do anything about. It's

Ferguson said he has not yet discussed the situation with Hoddle — "it's too far ahead" - but he criticised the summer tournament, which also features Brazil, Italy and France, the hosts, "I once said to Terry Venables that I wouldn't play friendly internationals because I don't see what benefit you get from

You get players withdrawing, you can't play your best team and you get other ideas from playing the ones you wouldn't have picked. I don't see that there's any advancement.

them," he said.

Over the last few years, we've played an average of 50odd games a season and this year will not be any different. Add in internationals and friendlies and it's a heck of a strain on players. For young players, it can't be done." Wolverhampton Wanderers have appointed Dave Merrington, the former Southampton manager, as

their new chief scout.

HELL hath no fury like a football supporter scorned, as Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager, is likely to discover when he revisits Filbert Street for Villa's FA Carling Premiership fixture against Leicester City tonight. The Leicester fans have long, unforgiving memories and will probably afford Little, the club's former manager, another frosty

Little left Leicester in November 1994, amid much acrimony. It was not so much his departure as the manner of it that so enraged the Filbert Street cognoscenti. maintained that he had received no overtures from Villa. but was then installed at Villa Park only three days later.

When he returned for a league match, barely a fortnight after transferring his allegiance, supporters held aloft placards labelling him a 'Judas" and "Liar". Little said: "It was arguably as hot a reception as anyone has ever had to endure in football. The ferocity of it really surprised me. I still get a bit of stick now and then, but time heals. Most people I have met individually have been fine. I don't think the reception will be as hostile

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON this time, but I don't think all

the Leicester supporters will have forgotten the situation. Little's prime concern this

evening is to cement Villa's push for a place in the Uefa Cup next season. They have won three of their past four games, including a 1-0 victory against Liverpool on Sunday, and have climbed to fifth place. "We know it will be difficult against Leicester, for all sorts of reasons, but we've got to get into the top four at

some stage if we want to get back into Europe," Little said. Leicester's fears of relega-



Little: hostile reception

tion appear to have eased. although Marshall and Claridge, their strikers, could miss the game tonight because of injury. Nottingham Forest. Southampton and Middlesbrough, however, remain entrenched in the danger area. Forest play Sheffield Wed-

nesday at the City Ground. encouraged by their 1-0 win against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on Saturday. while, at The Dell, Southampton take on Everton, who have won only once in their previous ten matches and who have only 16 fit first-team players. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said: "We need new players, we're still looking and I'm hopeful of making at least one new signing before the end of the month.

Middlesbrough's plight at the bottom looks terminal, even though the appeal against their three-point de-duction — for the non-appearance against Blackburn Rovers - has yet to be heard. They must beat Derby County at the Riverside Stadium this evening to keep in touch with the pack above. Bryan Rob-son, the Middlesbrough manager, said: "We've got to start grinding out results."

BOWLS

Endurance proving a vital ingredient

By David Rhys Jones

SUCCESS in bowls should be a reward for skill, not stamina, but the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association (EWIBA) national championships at York, where Sharon Rickman defeated Lynda Jarman 21-19 in the Champion of Champions singles final yesterday, have turned into a test of endurance for competitors who have qualified in more than one event.

Yesterday three of the singles semi-finalists were also engaged in the triples. Rickman and Jarman were required to play four games. which kept them each actively engaged on the green for around II hours between 10am and 11,30pm.

Ann Harrison, who was pipped by Jarman, 21-18, in the semi-finals, knew how they felt. On Monday she had toiled for 12 hours, rolling her first wood at 10am, and her last on the stroke of midnight. Yesterday she was let off

lightly - just nine hours. The programme, which was devised years ago and has never been revised, is designed to get through eight events in as many days. Each

event takes two days to com-

plete, but the task of getting a quart into a pint pot is achieved by starting a new event before the previous one has finished.

It is only when individuals qualify for more than one event that problems arise. and, such is the skill of the leading contenders, multiple qualification is becoming more common. Players have been penalised for their own success by being asked to play four matches a day, while others have to wait around until their scheduled opponents are available.

The EWIBA officials, who are not unsympathetic, are determined to address the problem. "We are all players ourselves, and have been looking at what has been happening through the eyes of the competitors," Liz Read, a junior vice-president, said.

Margaret Ruff, the England secretary, said: "We have a heavy programme to get through, and have to make sure that we keep to the timings as far as possible. We will be looking very carefully at future scheduling.

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Other scores on request.

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MARY KING, the most successful horse trials rider in Britain last year, was named Equestrian Personality of the Year at the Spillers Awards at the Knightbridge Barracks, London, yesterday. King, the mother of a 14-

month-old baby girl, made up for a disappointing Olympic Games in Atlanta with an unprecedented run of success on her return. In less than two months she won the British Open at Gatcombe on her Olympic horse, King William, the Scottish Open and Burghley on Star Appeal and Blenheim on King Solomon.

King, 35, who is seeking a sponsor after Frizzell ended their two-year contract in December, has her sights set on Badminton in May - the main selection trial for the Open European Championships at Burghley in September. King has only one ride this year, Star Appeal, who gave her an uncharacteristic fall at the first fence last

The Horse of the Year prize was awarded to the show-imper Geoff Billington's Dutch-bred gelding, It's Otto. The 42-year-old Cheshire rid-



er's partner has become one of the most popular horses on the world circuit and was the British team's best performer at the Olympics, finishing sixth in the individual

contest Spillers Diamond award, a special award this year, went to the British paralympics team, winners of the gold medal in the Paralympic Games dressage

event in Atlanta.

AWARDS: Personality of the Year, M Fing MARDS: Personality of the Year, 1's Onto Diamond Horse of the Year, 1's Onto Diamond Award: British Parakmpic team Spellers Scholarship: Show jumping: B Fallas Scholarship: Show jumping: B Fallas Scholarship: Becket Horse Trials: J Gabbris event in Atlanta.

SPORT IN BRIEF

IT WAS another turbulent day Cricket Club yesterday. Richard Barrow, a member of the club committee, resigned in protest at the departure of five players and a "totally unacceptable" style of management at Hove. In addition, David Smith, the former England and Sussex opening batsman. has backed a scheme put forward by Tuny Pigott. another former player, to must the comminee and replace it en bloc. Smith said: "Too many people are making excuses and in any other business they wouldn't have survived: they are obviously making mistakes."

🛘 Badminton: The All England open championships will start next week with the lowest-ever number of British seeds. There are no singles seeds from the home countries, and only three British players -- all women - are seeded for the doubles. The favourite for the men's title. and No I seed, is Poul-Erik Hoyer, of Denmark, who is seeking his third successive All England title.

Sailing: Lars Bergstrom, a leading innovator in the design and invention of yachts, was killed on Sunday when his plane crashed. Bergstrom invented the Windex, a wind indicator that is mounted on a ship's mast. He was 62.

☐ Rowing: Oriel will be looking to maintain the headship Torpids, which start today, although Magdalen are likely to challenge them later in the week. Oxler-Green, the wonten's head crew, face their biggest challenge from the outset, as St Catherine's, a strong eight, start directly hehind them.

☐ Athletics: Sonia McGeorge

pulled out of the Great Britain

team yesterday for the world

indoor championships this

week. McGeorge, who was

scheduled to run in the 3,000

metres, has been forced to withdraw through illness. ☐ Tennis: Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, equalled the fastest serve recorded on the men's circuit this season during his victory over Tommy Haus in the first round of the tournament in Scottsdale, Ari-

zona. Philippoussis recorded

130mph, matching the mark of

Greg Rusedski, of Britain.

□ Golf: Gordon Sherry, the former British amateur champion, will make his debut on the Challenge Tour in Kenya next week. Sherry failed to gain his card for the European Tour this year through the qualifying school and will be looking for one of 15 places on the circuit for next season that are given to Challenge Tour

RADIO CHOICE

England miss out on fond farewell

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WELLINGTON (New Zealand won toss): New Zealand beat England by 28 runs

IT MIGHT have been fatigue. it might have been the distracting lure of flying home after 14 weeks away. It might even have been an epidemic of headaches from the noisiest day of even this cacophonous. rock'n'roll extravaganza. Whatever was to blame, England could summon neither the concentration nor the resolution for the final obstacle of this tour.

New Zealand won the fifth one-day international, retrieving a share of the series and a measure of pride because they were the more desperate side. England subsided without drama and will leave this country with slightly less admiration than should have been the case.

By winning the first two games, they at least ensured there was no possibility of this series undermining their emphatic success in the more important cricket of the tour, but by failing to win any of the remaining three, the first of which was tied, they have not only sacrificed cash and kudos but also reaffirmed how much work remains to be done on their limited-overs cricket.

capacity by start of play yester-

day and the Barmy Army had

made a reappearance to add to

the musical din that blared

after every over. It is a

shocking overkill of a perfectly

sound commercial idea and,

judging by the letters in the New Zealand press, it is

alienating many long-stand-

toothpaste strip, until Dubai

in December, offered a com-

Lord Lucan of the tour, Jack

Russell. John Crawley was

also recalled for Nick Knight.

whose broken finger has un-

dergone surgery, but Dominic Cork was still absent, nursing

a sore hamstring.
Andy Caddick, who has

impressed ever more as a one-

day bowler, took the early

wicket of Bryan Young and it

was a mystery how Nathan

Astle survived an hour of

hapless flaying against the swinging ball. Survive it he

did, going on to score 94 from

129 balls and to earn his third

man-of-the-match award in

The symmetry of these

matches can sometimes be

tedious. New Zealand's 15-

over total, for instance, has

varied only between 75 and 81

and, on each occasion, they

have lost their impetus once

Robert Croft has begun to

bowl his off breaks. Croft's

first over here was a maiden

and in his second, a drifting

arm ball accounted for Ste-

phen Fleming, who has little

Chris Cairns, promoted in

the order, was quickly caught

idea how to play him.

five games.

England's final outing in the

ssionate consolation to the

ing cricket watchers.

England have batted second in all five of these games and experience has shown that they do not do this well. The damning defeats at the end of the Zimbabwe leg both stemmed from chases that lacked depth and conviction and the same has been true of the final two games here. Yesterday, challenged to make a relatively modest 229, they were never within hailing

They are due a degree of understanding. No set of sportsmen can be on the road for this long, entirely separated from wives, girlfriends and families, without the onset of a demob spirit. It takes a particularly steely brand of professionalism to overcome such basic human frailty. With that said, the fact remains that England have done what they pledged to avoid, allowing the last days of the tour - the part most easily recalled - to be

As they have not won an overseas one-day series since they were last here, five winters ago, this must rank as spurning a gift, for they had chances to win each of the last three games. Even without their best one-day combination — this tour party rightly being chosen primarily for Test cricket - they ought to have buried a team of limited talent and self-esteem.

After two months of subservience, however, New Zealand will celebrate a form of redemption in the brand of the game their public prefers. The Basin Reserve was packed to



Thorpe, who made 55, the highest contribution to the England innings, is watched intently by Germon, the wicketkeeper, as he sweeps

FULL SCOREBOARD FROM WELLINGTON

New Zealand won toss NEW ZEALAND

(29min, 27 balks, 2 fours)
C Z Harris c Stawart b Gough
(81min, 51 balks, 2 fours)
*H. K Germon flow b Silverwood (5min, 6 balks)
D N Pater not out

ss (To 10, w 14, no 2) Total (8 wkts, 50 overs, 216min) 228 G I Alfott did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28 (Astle 8), 2-84 (Astle 39), 3-87 (Astle 41), 4-122 (Astle 57), 5-197 (Harris 32), 6-200 (Harris 33), 7-206 (Patel 3), 8-208 (Pat-

behind, pushing at an outswinger from Craig White,

and when Adam Parore was

leg-before to the recalled

Caddick, New Zealand were

122 for four, the initiative

surrendered. The next part-

nership was arguably the one

that won the game, Astie and

Chris Harris playing with

care and composure to add 75

From there, the innings

declined rapidly, four wickets

falling for nine runs. Astle

missed out on the first century

of the series when Michael

Atherton plunged acrobatical-

ly at mid-wicket to hold a low.

left-handed catch, and the

beleaguered Lee Germon

in 17 overs.

BOWLING: Caddick 10-1-35-3 (w 3; 4 fours; 6-1-18-1, 2-0-4-1, 1-0-11-0, 1-0-2-1); Silverwood 10-0-53-1 (w 8; 4 -25-0, 4-0-14-0, 2-0-14-1); Gough 10-1-48-1 (nb 1; 6 fours; 3-0-18-0, 4-1-14-0, 3-0-18-1); White 10-0-44-1 (nb 2; w 1; 3 fours; 6-0-30-1, 2-0-5-0, 2-0-5-0); Croft 10-1-38-1 (w 2; 2 fours; 5-1-17-1, 5-0-21-0). Score after 15 overs: 77 for 1

*M A Atherton run out (Hanis) (106min, 82 balls, 5 fours) A J Stawart c Patel b Allott (37min, 23 balls, 3 fours) (37min, 23 balls, 3 fours)
N Hussain at Germon b Harris ...
(37min, 28 balls, 3 fours)
G P Thorpe at Germon b Larsen ...
(99min, 82 balls, 3 fours)
C E W Silverwood b Patel
(11min, 8 balls)
J P Crawfey libw b Larsen
(18min, 16 balls, 1 four)
TR C Russell c Germon b Astle ...
(19mn 5 balls)

D Gough c Fleming b Davis (31min, 21 balls, 1 four)

walked out to boos and walked back, an over later, to stony Half-time entertainment in-

cluded the shaving of Ian Botham's head for charity, and the bizarre events continued when Atherton was bowled by the third ball of the England reply and set off to the pavilion before Germon informed him it was a no-ball. His luck held through a variety of edges, mis-hits and air shots and, despite losing Stewart and Hussain, both when set, the captain was somehow playing the anchor innings required.

He might have completed the job but for being run out

when Graham Thorpe called him for a sharp single to the agile Harris. England then needlessly promoted Chris Silverwood to slog, with the usual impact of such a move. and thereafter nobody could stay long enough with Thorpe.

Extras (fb 8, w 8, nb 1) ...

Total (47.5 overs, 194min) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43 (Athenton 20), 2-77 (Athenton 32), 3-107 (Thorpe 18), 4-119 (Thorpe 25), 5-136 (Thorpe 31), 6-139 (Thorpe 32), 7-139 (Thorpe 32), 8-158 (Thorpe 47), 9-173 (Gough 6).

8-198 (Inorpe 47), 9-173 (Gough 6). BOWLING: Allott 80-40-1 (in 1; w 4; 5 lours; 6-0-30-1, 2-0-10-0); Devis 7.5-0-44-1 (w 2; 7 lours; 6-0-30-0, 1.5-0-14-1); Larsen 10-0-31-2 (2 lours; 4-0-16-0, 6-0-15-2); Harris 10-2-22-1 (il lour; one spell); Patel 7-0-28-2 (w 1; 1 lour; one spell).

New Zealand won by 28 runs

Match eward: N J Astle (Adjudicator: D O

Neely).
Umpires: R S Dunne and E A Watkin. Third umpire: D M Quested.
Pateree: P J P Burge (Australia)
International series tied 2-2: First (Christchurch) England won by four wickets Second (Aucdend): England won by six wickets Third (Napier): Match tied. Fourth (Aucdend). New Zealand won by nine runs.

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Score after 15 overs: 68 for 1.

There were some tired strokes played as Harris bowled yet another hypnotic spell and Astle, coming on in his stead, picked up the proceeds. When Thorpe was stumped, only a spirited lastwicket whirl remained. New Zealand looked exultant, their season revived. England looked to the skies as if wishing their flight home could land a day early.

Germon's dismissal no surprise

ENGLAND'S success on the second half of their winter tour had a predictable outcome here last night when Lee Germon was dismissed as captain of New Zealand less than two years after his rise from obscurity (Alan Lee

Germon, who appeared to sense his fate throughout this one-day series, will be replaced by Stephen Fleming, at 23 five years his junior and the youngest captain of New Zealand, for the Test series against Sri Lanka that begins in Dunedin on Friday.

Fleming took charge during the final Test against England in Christchurch three weeks ago, when Germon was injured, and did enough to convince the selectors that he was ready for promotion.

For Germon, brought in to further New Zealand's quest for a cleaner image, there is no sentiment. He has also lost his place in the Test side and the wicketkeeping duties will revert to Adam Parore, the maverick of the team.

Ross Dykes, the convenor of the New Zealand selectors, said: "This is a decision taken on form alone. I am not worried about Fleming's inexperience after the demonstration of captaincy he gave in

then inevitable. Bevan ac-

counted for the lower order

with his left-arm spin, snap-

ping up the last four wickets

Richardson were caught by

Matthew Hayden at short leg

off the first and sixth balls of

Bevan's fourteenth over, and

Allan Donald and Paul Ad-

ams were bowled without

The second Test in the three-

match series starts in Port

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 302 (W J Cronje 76, D J Richardson 72 not out: G () McGrath 4-771.

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scoring in his next.

Elizabeth on March 14.

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J H Kalls b Warne
J J Cushnan c Healy b Warne
W J Cronje c Healy b S R Waugh
J N Rhodes flor b Warne
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Lance Klusener and David

for two runs in two overs.

Madeleine on trial again

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The Cookbook of Apicius. Radio 4, 11.15pm.

Jim Miller's witty pen has written scripts which give television's comical cook Keith Floyd some golden opportunities to make much more of the Roman cook's recipes and philosophising than Apicius himself ever managed. After sampling such mouthwatering delicacies as doormouse on a stick, pigs' brain sausage, and stuffed bulls' testicles, the series ends tonight with roast parrot. The meat must be tender and in prime condition because, the cook tells his Greek slave / scribe Felix, it was said that mad parrot disease killed Caligula. The ghastly truth about these recipes is that every one of Caligula. The ghastly truth about these recipes is that every one of them is practicable.

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TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy War 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Loreine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am

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CLASSIC FM

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore.
Includes Bach (Volin Sonata
No 4 in C minor); Nicotai
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Windsor); Ravel (Le Tombeau
de Couperin): Wienlawski
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10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Includes Poulenc (Sextet for Plana and Wind Cumtel); Gluck (Die Frühen Grabe); Coarry (Variations on a Thems by Bode J. Discontinguil; Best (Valautis of a There by Rode, La Ricordarza); Beet-hoven (String Quartet in F. Op 59 No 1); Gluck (Der Jüng-fing; Die Neisang); Rachman-inov (Pieno Concerto)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Webern 12.40 Debusay, Brouffards; La Terassa des Audiences; Feux d'Artifice, Preludes, Bk2). Krystian Zimerman, plano 1.00pm Concert Hall. Live from

the Wigmore Hall, London. Orlando Quartet plays Kurtag (Microfudes); Brahms (String Quartet No 3 in B flat) 2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susar Sharpe. Includes Norman Cocker (Tuba Tune); Spohr

(Octet in E); Vaughan
Williams (Toward the
Unknown Region)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from

Exeter Cathedral

5.00 Music Machine, with Torning

5.15 In Tune, with Jersmy Nicholas, Includes Ba

(Islamey); Villa-Lobos (Bechlaria Brasileira No 5) 6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert. Introduced by Fiona Talkington, Pieter Wisp cello, performs Bach (Suite No 1 in G, BWV1007; Suite No 3 in C. BWV1009)

7.00 Cocktells: I'm Old-Fashloned. The last in the series featuring recordings of London dance bands (9/9) 7.30 Towards the Millennium (Sounding the Century). Birmingham. Lynn Harell, cello, Electric Phoenix, Cây of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle. Berio (Sinfonia); Lutoslawski (Cello Concerto) 8.30 Radical Chic, by Tom Wolfe 8.50 Concert, part 2. Messigen (Et Exspecto Resurrectionern Mortuorum)

9.35 Smart to Be Smart: Rick Stein. Well-known professional people look back at their student days
Little England, Big World.
The international satirical magazine presented by Alistair Beaton Alistair Beston 10.00 Voices. Richard Jackson,

baritone, and Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Debussy (Fetes Galantes), Ravel (Sur. l'Herbe); Roussel (Odes

i Herbe); Roussel (Odes
Anacreontiques); Ravel
(Histoires Naturelles)

10.45 Night Waves, Michele
Roberts investigates the
uncertain world of plagiarism

11.30 Composer of the Weelc
Koechlin (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Richard
Niles

1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

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Two soldiers recount their ordeal when a military exercise went wrong in the jungles of Borneo (2/3)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Rent, by Lucy Flannery (6/6) 12.55 Weather
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Maguire and explores U2's
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5.55 Weather

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6.30 Counterpoint. The general knowledge music quiz hosted by Ned Sherrin (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Global Shake-out Mexico:
What happens when a country's economy opes country's economy goes global? (2/4) 8.05 The Wardrobe. A look at the book suit though anecdotes

boiler suit through anecdotes and music (r)

8,15 The People's Peace. Three generations of a leaching tamily reflect on changes to the education system in the 20th century (2/6) (r)

9.00 Flashpoints: The Greenhouse Effect Professor John Durant examines some of the most important scientific ideas of modern times (4/4)

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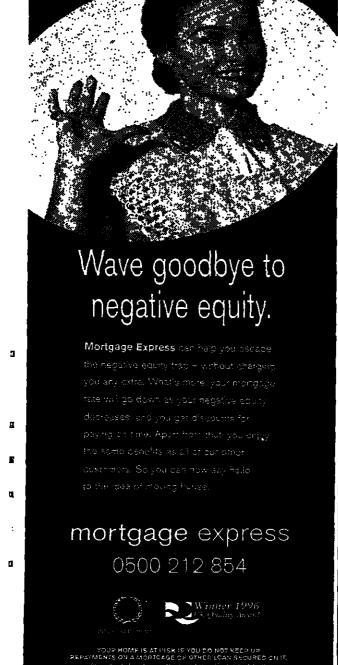
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Great Railway Bazaar, by Paul Theroux, Read by William Hurt (Will (r)

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11.00 Truly, Madily, Blatchley, Last in the cornedy series written by and starring Julian. Dutton, With Liz Frassr, David Battley, Toby Longworth and Smort Godley
11.15 The Cookbook of Apicius.
See Choice (6/6)
11.30 Seymour the Fractal Cat (FM). A comedy series about a talking cat by Gary Parker (3/5) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Hobbit, by J.R P Tolkien, Read by Michael Horden (3/15) (r)
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Australia's spinners complete rout

By Our Sports Staff

SHANE WARNE and Michael Bevan, with an irresistible display of wrist-spin bowling, hurried Australia to victory over South Africa by an innings and 196 runs at the Wanderers in Johannesburg yesterday, ending the first Test before lunch on the fifth day. South Africa, 302 behind on

the first innings, collapsed from their overnight score of 99 for four to 130 all out in just over an hour, losing their last five wickets for three runs in five overs. Warne removed

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Jacques Kallis and Jonty Rhodes, the remaining specialist batsmen, to finish with four for 43 and Bevan polished off the rest to earn figures of four for 32. It was the first time South Africa had lost by an innings since December 1964, when England won the first Test in Durban by an innings and 104 runs. Mark Taylor, the Australia

captain, said he was not surprised by South Africa's collapse. "I wouldn't fancy it if I had to bat a day against Shane Warne with 250 runs behind him." Taylor said. "He

WORD-WATCHING

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(c) The name of a water monster alleged to live in Okanagan Lake, British Columbia, "The old Indian name for the animal was Naitaka. The settlers' name for it is now Ogopogo, which is far more recent in origin. It is not, as some seem to have thought, an Indian word." RIS DE VEAU

(c) A dish of sweetbread of yeal. Erroneously riz de yeau. There are no great men except the inventors and the developers of science. All the rest amount to more or less ris de yeau surrounding an Adam's apple."

(b) A ball made of leaf and fibre attached to a string. A dance to the accompaniment of traditional songs, performed by Maori women and girk using such a ball. "The string of the poi was held in the right hand and the ball was twirled and beaten back with the left hand while various movements were made over the shoulders, to the sides, the thighs, the knees, the head, the poi balls being kept twirling in perfect time to the songs sung by the leaders." SAMHAIN

(a) The first day of November, celebrated by the ancient Celts as a festival marking the beginning of winter and of the new year according to their calendar. Taken over by the Christians as All Saints' Day or Hallowmass. Scottish Gaelic samhuinn.

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is pretty close to being back to his best. He got six wickets in this game, all top-order players, and we had the luxury of Michael Bevan to knock over the tail."

Taylor was almost blase about the batting of Steve Waugh, who was named joint man of the match with Greg Blewett, his partner in a fifthwicket partnership of 385. "If you look back at the stand you'd probably pick out Greg's shots as the highlights," Taylor said. "But Steve's value is that he never gives you a chance. He comes off after scoring 160 and he's genuinely disappointed at get-

ting out." Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, said: "We were completely outplayed. We will have to raise the standard of our batting, bowling and even fielding by at least 200 per cent."

wicket pair, held firm for the first ten overs until Rhodes was trapped leg-before by Warne for eight. Shaun Pol-lock and Kallis were together for a further six overs before Warne bowled Kallis round his legs for 39, the top score of the innings. The outcome was

Kallis and Rhodes, the fifth-130 FM: CF WiCKETS 1-38, 2-41, 3-46, 4-90, 5-108, 6-127, 7-128, 8-130, 9-130 BCWLING: McGrath 10-5-17-0; Gilespie 11-4-24-0; Warne 26-17-43-4; Boven 15-2-32-4, S R Waugh 4-1-4-1; M E Waugh 1-0-4-0 AUSTRALIA: First timings 628 for 8 dec (G S Blewett 214, S R Waugh 160, M T G Ellioti 85) Mon of the metch G S Blewett and S R Waugh Umpres: C J Mitchley (SA) and S Vonkatarughavan (India)

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"If he didn't win there his grip on the championship would grow white knuckles." You don't say.

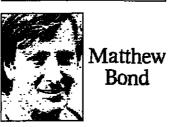
All this enjoyable bluster, however, disguised a bigger problem. While many journalists would have killed for just ten minutes with Hill, James (who has somehow become the Mr Toad of the grand prix world) had been given two weeks. Private planes, private cars, even a day at Hill's private home in Ireland, Dunpayintax . . . like a smooth-talking spaniel, James followed him everywhere. The problem was, he'd got the wrong two weeks.

Nothing was resolved while he was there, as our man eventually admitted. "It was the end of my two weeks ... three days later he was sacked." And a couple of races later, Hill finally got his hands on the world championship. Despite James's attempts to pretend otherwise, the rest really was history. But there was probably just

A tense evening, but that's how it is; or was about enough here for Damon devotees. Hill showed off his guitars and gym and talked about his father and driving a Formula One car: "When it's going well, the car is dancing...you feel in touch with the molecules between the rubber and the road," Georgie Hill, his normally low-profile wife. was rather more fun, recalling the certainty of their first meeting. "I didn't like him and we had nothing in common, but I knew I was going to marry him." And reader, she

> But having the most fun, of course, was James, never happier than when he's tucked into the slipstream of the ultra-rich and successful. Together they flew to Bulgaria, where "sponsors Rothmans were ready to welcome Damon's help in turning millions of unchained communists into chainsmokers". Later he triumphantly wriggled his considerable frame into the Williams car: "At least I

REVIEW



had a racing driver's back-side...even if I had a truck driver's stomach." Works just as well in the present tense too, Clive. We were firmly back in the past historic for House Detectives (BBCZ), which for a man badly missing Time Team suited me fine. For those who don't remember or never knew, Time Team is the

Channel 4 series in which a team

of archaeologists have three days

to dig a site. House Detectives is much the same - without the mud. Three historians have a leisurely five days to discover the origins of a house, helped or hindered depending on your view of the BBC's portfolio of interchangeable blondes) by Juliet Morris.

Last night's opener, however, was almost insultingly easy, involving, as it did, a striking Edwardian villa in Fulwood, an affluent suburb of Preston. Edwardian? Didn't that make it less than a hundred years old? It did. Easy-peasy - a couple of trips down to the record office and it was all over.

The flamboyant and turreted house had been built by a John Hodgson, not only a "plumbing. painting and paper-hanging mer-chant" as a helpful trade directory described him, but also councillor, alderman and eventually Mayor of Preston. Not exactly low-profile

incorporating the very latest in stained glass and Anaglypta wallpaper. Once we had ascertained that and what the experts grandly thought of it ("frivolous, ostentatious, a little bit vulgar"), interest faded, only to revive right at the end. For having enjoyed more than 20 years of fake Jacobean splen-

did look like a proper challenge for a team of aspiring house detec-tives. Who needs Anaglypta now?" said one. Who indeed? From the outset it seemed Inside Story: A Deadly Secret (BBCl) would be employing the past most imperfect to tell its sad tale. Jan Pink had gone to Cyprus to recover from the divorce that brought her

20-year marriage to an end. There

she met and fell in love with a

dour, Hodgson eventually retired

to the real McCoy, the 17th-century Oxendale Hall. Now that really

Hodgson appeared to have used the house almost as a showroom. earrying the virus, but never told carrying the virus, but never told

For about 90 seconds I heartlessly wondered whether the BBC would have made such a film if she had come back with one of the lesser sexually transmitted diseases - or indeed whether her extended family would have been quite so open about discussing it. But then we saw her ravaged face and emaciated body and such thoughts disappeared.

Carrie Britton's film was not perfect, in particular being overreliant on her cousin's well-intentioned but misguided quest for "justice", which turned out to be legally impossible in Britain and unenforceable in Cyprus. We never were told what happened to the fisherman, but by the end of a very touching film that was as much about family as it was about Aids, Jan, miraculously, was back in the Greek fisherman . . . and contractpresent tense.

BBC1:

6.00am Business Breakfast (54650) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (66308) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5414766) 9.20 Style Challenge (4761143) 9.45 Kilroy (4441308)

live James was having trou-ble with his narrative

was, would he get it sorted out by

the end of Clive James Meets

Damon Hill (ITV)? Answer: not

really. But you know that. Ignor-ing the indefinite present offered

by video recorders, the pro-

gramme became firmly past tense

last night. It's over, finished, com-

mula One season. We know what

happened. James's challenge,

however, was to bring that past

back to something approaching life and he did so using that special

tense known only to documentary-

makers who fear their footage has

been overtaken by events, a sort of

him already?" he asked conspira-

torially, his eyes audibly narrow-

ing. Well yes, Clive, they had - we

know that now. Just as we know

about the Spa circuit in Belgium:

"Had Williams secretly fired

conditional future past.

- just like last year's For-

tenses. The big question

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (64768) 11.00 News (T) and weather (6467105) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (7079834) 11.35 Change That (8654766) 12.00 News (T), regional news and weather (7511834)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5552037) 12.30 Going for a Song (6822105) 12.55 The Weather Show (79993969) 1.00 News (1) and weather (69495) 1.30 Regional news and weather (83663414)

1.40 Neighbours (T) (11950921) 2.05 Police Rescue (T) (2418834) 2.55 As Time Goes By Comedy series with Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (r) (T)

3.25 Well Worth a Visit A journey 300 feet underground to experience coel mining techniques in the Welsh Big Pit Mining Museum (9400740)

3.30 Playdays (r) (5412650) 3.50 Chucklevision (5432414) 4.10 Popeye and Son-(r) (1411940) 4.35 The Wild House (T) (5466327) 5.00 Newsround (3726230) 5.10 Blue Peter (7462871)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (701124) 6.00 News (1) and weather (259) 6.30 Newsroom South East (1) (211)

7.00 Noel's Telly Years 1983 saw comedian Tom O'Connor presenting Name That Tune and middle-distance runner Steve Cram winning gold at the inaugural World Athletics Championships (4143) (T)

7.30 Tomorrow's World The results of a painstaking operation by American archaeologist Denis van Gervan to reveal why more women than men survived famine in the Dark Ages (T) (495) 8.00 The National Lottery Live (T) (290834)

8,15.25 Years of the Two Ronnies A celebratory compilation (T) (338655) 8.50 Points of View (1) (458921)

9.00 News (i), regional news and weather 9.29 National Lottery Update (628389)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave A sultry widow sets her sights on the cantankerous pensioner Victor (r) (1) (49056)

10.00 insiders Emotions run high when a Catholic priest kills a young boy in a car accident while rushing from his mistress's bed. With Julia Ford (1) (904679)

10.50 Sportsnight Highlights of tonight's FA Premiership derby between Leicester City and Aston Villa and Middlesbrough v Derby County. Plus the pick of the action from bosing's ABA National Champlon-ships in Birmingham (32181679)

12.25am Murder So Sweet (1993) with Harry. Hamilin, Helen Shaver and K.T. Oslin. A woman is convinced her smooth-talking tormer husband is responsible for the death of his latest wife, and persuades a detective to help prove her hunch. Directed by Larry Peerce (1) (2770254) 1.55 Weather (3938099)

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Cavernan and the Teen Angels (8117563) 7.55 Record Breakers Gold (r) (f) (3597037) 8.20 Teddy Trucks (r) (3852308) 8.25 Spot (r) (6228292) 8.35 The Record (5173921) 9.00 Jeunes Francophones (4749921) 9.25 See You. See Me (5424143) 9.45 Words and Pictures (7205679) 10.00 Playdays (11360) 10.30 Numbertime (7229124) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (7224679) 11.00 Around Scotland (9402360) 11.20 Music Makers (9302308) 11.40 Science in Action (927352) 12.00 Science in County (927352) 12.00 Sci Action (9273582) 12.00 Spanish Globo (7519476) 12.05pm History File

BBC2

(5550679) 12.30 Working Lunch (27834) 1.00 Geography Programme (47760495) 1.20 Thunderbirds in French (66074360) 1.25 Zig Zag (47772230) 1.45 Come Outside (83640563) 2.00 Teddy Trucks (r) (27506037) 2.05 Spot (r) (27505308) 2.10 Everyone's Got One (2431785) 3.00 News (T) (9159827) 3.05 Westminster (4173940) 3.55 News (T) 4.00 Today's the Day (124) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (308) 5.00 Esther (2921)

5.30 Seniors Pot Black Graham Miles v Rex Williams (360) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (T)

6.45 Trev and Simon's Transmi Impossible (141414) 7.00 Hancock (b/w) (r) (T) (2785)

Counterblasts Author Nigel Harris suggests that immigrant workers are one of society's vital foundations (T) (227)

8.00 University Challenge (r) (T) (8105) 8.30 Changing Rooms (5740)



Designer Kayita Daswani (9.00pm)

Modern Times: Hong Kong British and Chinese residents of soon-to-be-relinquished Hong Kong change (T) (678056)

9.50 A Woman Called Smith Echobelly's rhythm guitarist Debbie Smith talks about the strain of keeping up a long-distance relationship with her girlfriend (520308)

10.00 Even Further Abroad with Jonathan Meades The Times columnist looks at modern church architecture (T) (24259) 10.30 Newsnight (122196)

Creation 1.00 Chemistry of the Invisible 1.30 Chemistry of Creativity 2.00 GNVQ

4.00 English Heritage 4.30 Unicel in the Classroom 5.00 Health and Safety at

11.15 This Life (r) (374834) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (25902) 12.30am Learning Zone: O.U.: Chemistry of Counterblast: Don't Fence Me In BBC2, 7.30pm

Tonight's unfashionable opinion belongs to Professor Nigel Harris of University College London. He contends that far from being the time bomb waiting to explode of political and media cliche, immigration is a good thing. It has huge economic benefits, it releases entrepreneurial abilities and it revitalises cultural life. Harris has surprisingly little to say on his last point, which may seem to be his strongest. He leaves it to fleeting images to remind us of the immigrant contribution to sport and letters. But he argues flercely enough on the economic front. Without immigrants, he points out, there would no Marks & Spencer, and he says that the economies of many modern cities would collapse if immigrants were not willing to take essential, poorly paid, jobs.

Travelog Channel 4, 8,30pm

Pete McCarthy rounds off the current series in Costa Rica which, he promises, is a different kind of Latin America. Different, that is, from its immediate neighbours, Nicaragua and Panama, where all sorts of nasty things happen to innocent people. For one thing Costa Rica has long since abolished its armed forces which, as McCarthy shrewdly remarks, virtually liminates the possibility of a military coup. Warming to the theme, McCarthy suggests that Costa Rica could give banana republics a good name. Whether this placed country will figure much on British holiday itineraries is another matter. As McCarthy presents it, Costa Rica has few roads, lots of bugs and an abnormal amount of rain. But it is a paradise for birdwatchers and the world capital of plastic surgery.

Modern Times: Hong Kong BBC2, 9.00pm

Lucy Blakstad's film catches the mood in Hong Kong as the handover to China looms by focusing on five of the colony's residents.

It is a simple formula but effectively executed, as you would expect from Blakstad have covered flamtates, weekenders and the habitués of a London swimming pool. Her subjects this time are headed by Tom, an old colonial who lives in a retirement home, has no family left and does not trust the Chinese one inch. Also representing the older generation is Granny Kwong, who fled to Hong Kong to escape a brutal life in China and lives on welfare which she fears will be stopped. We hear, too, from Jimmy, a successful businessman. Kavita. a young fashion designer, and Jo. who spent four years in a Chinese prison after the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Even Further Abroad: The Absentee Landlord BBC2. 10.00pm

Although he is a self-confessed atheist, as you will soon gather from this film. Jonathan Meades acknowledges the staying power of God and not least his houses. The topic for tonight, therefore, is church architecture but not as you have ever seen it treated before. After the brief excursion into the Cothic, both and Victorian revival. Meades gathers most of his examples—targets would be a better word—from the period since the Second World War. As usual he is irreverent, provocative and contentious and supports his arguments with a firework display of verbal and visual gags. As usual too, it is not always clear where he stands After seeming to heap soom on most post 1945 houses of God he appears to praise a chapel by Basil Spence that some of us might dismiss as a concrete lump. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (6818582) 9.25 Chain Letters (4746834) 9.55 Regional News (T) (5538921) 10.00 The Time, the Place (48414) 10.30 This Morning (I) (42276430) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (7517018) 12.30 News (1) and weather (6840501) 12.55 Regional News (T) (6825292)

1.25 Shortland Street (47767308) 1.50 Afternoon Live (11965853) 2.20 Vanessa (56917360) 2.50 Afternoon Live 12719401

3.20 News (T) and weather (6250227) 3.25 Regional News (T) (7600768) 3.30 Tots TV (5410817) 3.40 The Blobs (9974650) 3.50 The Little Mermaid (5418834) 4.15 Dr Xargle (T) (1412679) 4.40 Cone Zone (T) (4358414)

5.10 Look and Cook (r) (5695495) 5.40 News (T) and weather (960940) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (728327) 6.25 HTV Weather (697018) 6.30 HTV News (T) (865582) 6.50 Emmerdale Frank struggles to cope with

his loss (T) (601211)

7.20 European Champions League Quarter-Final, First Leg — Live: Manchester United v FC Porto Bob Wilson presents coverage from Old Trafford with commentary by Brian Moore



Beverley Callard as Liz (9.30pm)

9,30 Coronation Street Fraser (Glyn Grain) wants answers after the bungled robbery and subjects Liz (Beverley Callard) to an interrogation (34124) 10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (11785)

10.30 Regional News (T) (456872) 10.40 Taggart A writer who has made a name tor himself in Hollywood receives a death threat, leading Taggart into a murky world of realousy and deceit (r) (T) (514105)

11.40 European Champions' League Highlights Tony Francis presents action from this evening's quarter-final, first-leg ties, including reaction to Manchester United's match against Porto. Other games include German champions Borussia Dortmund v Auxerre; Rosenborg v Juventus in Norway and Ajax v Atletico Madrid in the Amsterdam

Arena (922105) 12.45am Dating the Enemy (108780) 1.45 My Brother's Wife (1989) with John Ritter, Mel Hamis and Polly Bergen Comedy drama a practical joker who has spent the last 20 years pursuing the woman of his - sister-in-law. Directed by Jack Bender (342070)

3.25 Sound Bites (73789983) 3.35 Not Fade Away (r) (8054902) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (T) (51490) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (37322) 5.30 FTN Morning News (20457)

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (6825292) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5695495) 6.25-6.50 Central News (802853)

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6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (540747)

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9.30 Ysgolion (470124) 12.00 House to House (18698) 12.30cm Here's One i Made Earlier (45230)

1.00 Slot Melthrin (52105) 1.30 Film: Blossoms in the Dust (1941) starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon. A weepie drama about a woman who starts an orphanage in Texas Mervyn Le Roy (55888476)

3.20 Fresh Pop (5193719) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (785)

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9.30 Roseanne (32766) 10.00 Brookside (355389) 10,35 ER (525211)

4.00 Ysgolion (4900631)

11.30 Caroline in the City (35940) 12.00am Under the Moon (735761) 2.30 NBA XXL (79631)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (47360) 7.00 The Bio Breakfast (59018) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (1) (98834) 9.30 Schools (470124) 12.00 House to House (18698) 12.30pm Here's One I Made Earlier (r) (45230) 1.00 Cybill (r) (T) (36487871) 1.25 Australia Wild Lord Howe Island (55837132)

1.55 Pennies from Heaven (1935, b/w)
Musical with Bing Crosby, Donald Meek,
Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. A condemned murderer asks a troubadour to contact the families of his victims and offer them his abandoned house. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod (T) (89230501) 3.30 Collectors' Lot How frames can improve pictures, advice on acquiring toby jugs and collecting snowstorms (1) (785) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (292) 4.30 Countdown

(T) (476) **5.00** Ricki Lake (T) (4389) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (376) 6.00 Party of Five Charlie sparks a boycott at his restaurant by his high-handed behaviour towards some homeless customers (T) (548389)

wrong idea about Christian? (6501)

6,50 Fresh Pop (391582) 7.00 Channel 4 News (298292)

7.55 Winners and Losers (516124) 8.00 Brookside Bel contributes to the humilation of Ollie. And has Katie got the



Pete McCarthy in Costa Rica (8.30pm)

8.30 Travelog in the last of the series Pete McCarthy visits Costa Rica in Central America which apart from its rainforests, voicances, hot springs and spectacular coastlines is becoming the place to go for affordable plastic surgery (T) (2308)

9.00 Fortean TV Lionel Fanthorpe, the biking priest, investigates more tales of the paranormal. These include a ghostly encounter in a pub and a woman who talks to fairles (6/8) (T) (1650)

9.30 Brass Eye Last in the comedy series with the satirist Chris Morris (32766) 10.00 ER American medical drama series Mark

Greene discovers the truth about HiVpositive Jeanie (T) (8679) 11.00 Friends Phoebe discovers the surprising truth about her father and Ross manages

to ruin Monica's festive party (r) (T) (3495) 11.30 Cheers Boston bar comedy series. Rebecca throws a slumber party for Caria, who is depressed at the thought of becoming a grandmother (r) (T) (35940)

12.00 Under the Moon Sports magazine (735761) 2.30am NBA XXL Basketball action (79631)

4.00 Schools (4900631) 4.50 Hogg's Heaven A short film about a man

who wins a poetry prize after 14 years of toil. With Keith Gorden (r) (36414709) 5.15 Polygon An animated tribute to science fiction movies (8428896)

5.25 Backdate with Valerie Singleton (r) (T)

(4500598) 11.00 Young and the Restless (8904327) 11.45 Super Fresco Febulcoscus (44374921) 11.50 Brockside (8604245) 12.25pm Why Me? (70607650) 12.25 Tempest (3232495) 1.40 Rolonde (962808) 2.30 Agong Experience (2832392) 3.00 Live at Three (49202766) 4.95 Jeny Springer (520329) 5.00 Super Fresco Febulcosus (37744672) 5.05 Lingo (84868747) 5.30 Liudy Ladders (2814309) 6.00 1 Dream of Jeannie (6980089) 6.35 Ready. Steady.

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busters (1321476) 5.35 Prote Time (790143)

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Century (637821) 7.30 Przo Time (142698) 7.40 Gives Us a Clue (448124) 8.10 Prize Time (300785) 8.20 Ali Clued Up (580834)

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Football counts cost of wrong result

evidence. 47 witnesses, 11 hours bar one minute of deliberation, the eight men and three women of the Winchester jury - the numbers that add up to one side in a football match admitted that they were beaten. They could not decide whether the accused were guilty or innocent of conspir-

ing to fix matches.

The reputation of English football has been left hanging in limbo by the failure of the jury to come to a verdict in the trial of Regina v Grobbelaar. Segers. Fashanu and Lim.

No verdict from the 11 jurors means no result for the game ... and so, where we might

we would have known whether or not the values of an FA Carling Premiership match are incorruptible, we cannot now be certain.

It is the worst of all possible outcomes for the national game that, after the summer of 1996, had risen to a higher profile in English society than at any time in history.

Even the World Cup victory of 1966 did not engage the minds of Parliament, prompt the huge backing that has come from business, or induce the prolonged national euphoria that came with the European championship.

Winchester is a marvellously historic city. To reach the Crown Courts, one walks through ancient courtyards, and then into a complex of courtrooms as modern as any in the land: it is like a fresh hand inside a medieval mailed

And there, since the trial began on January 14. the integrity of English football was questioned on a daily basis. Outside, at least five television crews found a perch overlooking the entrance to the court. Inside, in the corridors outside Court Room No 3, one witnessed people involved in other criminal trials actually walking up to Grobbelaar and Fashamu and asking politely

for autographs. A tranquil city went about its business and, in the dock, the personification of calculat-



Rob Hughes on why there

were no winners after the

collapse of the Winchester trial

country's more famous goalkeepers, a silent gladiator who once scored goals fearlessly for Wimbledon, and a businessman from Malaysia, awaited their fate.

It is estimated to have cost £112 million of public money, given the two years of police work, the engagement of bar-

risters and Mr Justice Tuckey. Last Thursday, when the judge began his complex and laborious summing up. I sat in the courtroom studying these four men. Each of them had

origins outside this country: Lim is a Malaysian, Segers is Dutch, Grobbelaar fought in the Rhodesian army, and Fashanu, though a Barnado's boy, was born of a Nigerian

Their ordeal was evident as they sat before the court, though at lunchtime they became family men again, and two of them still played the Beautiful Game while out on

What anyone who has any interest or love of football

depends upon is that the game is decided in a fashion that cannot be corrupted. A game without a result is anathema; and yet in football the ruling until proven guilty. How I wish that footbal bodies have concocted a process of deciding stalemates on

The penalty that is awaiting us now is that we cannot be sure of what we think we

The fact that the Crown Prosecution Service indicated yesterday evening that they may seek a retrial means that, not only is the sport put into continued suspense, but that those who have listened to the prosecution and to the defence are not at liberty to discuss publicly the deeply disturbing Remember, the four men have denied everything and the premise of English justice is that a person is innocent

itself could today be above suspicion. It is a wonderful game, it has given countless Englishmen, and increasingly, women, lifelong satisfaction. It has rewarded, players with the salaries of film stars, elevated them to a phenomenally high status in society.

protected. At the beginning of his summing-up. Mr Justice Tuckey had chosen a perhaps innappropriate Shanklyism. The judge told the jurors that a famous football club man-

That attraction must be

football was not a matter of life and death, but that it was more serious than that.
The judge was right to warn

his jury that this was and is a serious case for the defendants, serious for football, and serious for all who follow it. But, M'lud, Bill Shankly actially never said all the words as

alleged. It was put to him that football was a matter of life and death. "Nae, son," he responded, "it is more important than that".

Nothing is quite what it seems, nor is likely to seem so innocent in our sporting world

Trial abandoned, page

Keane's injury leaves United hoping for best

ALEX FERGUSON has almost run out of superlatives when discussing Roy Keane. Cantona may be "inspirational", Giggs may be "brilliant", but Keane's is the first name on any Manchester United team-sheet. Keane is Ferguson's "most important player". The thought of losing him to injury is enough to have given the United manager an anxious night before his team reacquaint themselves with the European Cup this evening.

It remains the competition that United hanker after the most. Winning league chama habit at Old Trafford, even the double is no longer unique, yet Europe's premier club prize has been won just once, in 1968, and this season Ferguson made no secret of the fact that he wanted to win that trophy more than any other.

Indeed, until yesterday. everything appeared to be going to plan. United had run into form, confidence was

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bubbling and the thought of meeting FC Porto, perhaps the best team of the Champions' League group stages, in the last eight was not as intimidating as it had been when United toiled through the autumn. Then Keane, the foundation upon which the rest of the United side is built, strug-

gled through a fitness test.

If the Irishman did not fail it exactly, he did not pass it either and the ankle injury that is giving cause for concern remains a threat to his place against Porto. "I hoped he would have done better this morning," Ferguson said after putting Keane through his paces. "He didn't do badly, but it did not go as well as we wanted. We will leave things open and give him every chance tomorrow, but I would say he is doubtful now."

Ronny Johnsen, the versatile Norwegian, is standing by to take his place in a team that Ferguson believes is on a high. The good thing from our point of view is that our

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this time of the year. We didn't have the best of times when we played in the qualification for this stage, but we have gone on since then. We are four points clear in the league and we have gone 16 Premiership games without losing and that is phenomenal."

For their part, Porto have begun to show signs of frailty. After running away with the Portuguese league and brushing aside AC Milan in the Champions' League, their form has dipped a little, including a 2-2 draw with Estrela Amadora at the weekend in a match they would have won comfortably a month ago. Allegations of match-fixing involving their chairman, Jorge Nuño Pinto da Costa, have hardly helped morale either, but they reported no injury worries yesterday and Antonio Oliveira, their coach, professed to having extra motivation to beat the

English champions. 'I have read in Portugal that Mr Ferguson thinks Oporto is a little village and that the Portuguese league is not very competitive," Oliveira said. "but as a player and a national coach I have experienced a lot of games and I don't see much difference in standard hetween the two countries.

"These little things are all ways that people have of trying to upset the opposition. it's all a game of chess, psychology. I will wait tomorrow to show my big move, but



Keane: doubtful

I will be fascinated to see how

long my little Porto resist the

power of mighty Manchester United." The smile that ac-

companied those sentiments

suggested Oliveira expects his

team to resist for a very long

His assistant, Joaquim

Teixeira, was even more forth-right. "We have done our

homework very carefully. We

have a great team and if it

Both men will place their

faith in a line-up that may

boast a Slovenian, Zahovic, a

Yugoslav, Drulovic, and as

many as five Brazilians, in-

cluding Edmilson in midfield

and Jardel up front, a striker described by Bobby Robson,

the former Porto coach now in

charge at Barcelona, as the

clicks, we will surely win."

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header of a ball in the world". "If Jardel is the biggest threat, them I'm not too worried," Ferguson said earlier in the week, "We've got Gary Pallister to deal with him and if Pally can't deal with him. then nobody can." Such confidence from the United manager can only be reinforced if Keane is declared fit to play.



Lee Germon, right, the New Zealand cricket captain, and Michael Atherton share the spoils in Wellington after the drawn one-day series. Report, page 46

Villa switch to Ferguson in search for striker

BY DAVID MADDOCK

WITH an eye on the looming transfer deadline, Aston Villa yesterday intensified their search for the forward they believe will strengthen their challenge for a place in Europe by moving for Duncan Ferguson, the Scotland inter-

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, has made tentative contact with Everton, Ferguson's club, to propose a £7 million transfer. A formal bid seems sure to follow before the end of the month.

Ferguson's form in recent weeks has been closely monitored and Brian Little, the Villa manager, was at Goodison Park on Saturday to watch him in action against Arsenal. He was encouraged by Ferguson's fitness after a number of injuries that have

restricted his appearances. Since arriving at Everton in 1994 for a fee of £4.4 million. Ferguson has managed just 57 appearances in three seasons and scored only 19 goals. More important, he has frequently failed to tune in to the same wavelength as Joe Royle,

his manager.
It is a situation that has offered encouragement to Villa, and the response yesterday from within Goodison Park was not unyielding. Ellis was told that Ferguson will not be allowed to leave immediately, not until the Merseyside club is safe from relegation, but could be sold should survival

be assured quickly. Royle has already allowed one expensive misfit, Andre Kanchelskis, to leave for a substantial fee and, given Ferguson's lack of goals, he may follow the same route again to allow funds to be

released to strengthen the

A senior official at the club said last night: "Duncan has had mixed success since arriving at Goodison, and even though he is popular with the supporters, if the fee is right then it might be hard to

Senior figures in the board-room feel it is time for new faces to be brought in to ensure more goals and a more exciting style of play. Gary Speed, a midfield player, is top scorer this season with only seven goals.

Villa have been anxious for much of the season to bring in a centre forward to complement Dwight Yorke, Little, whose side has failed to do as well as expected in three cup competitions and has slipped too far behind Manchester United to harbour any hopes of winning the FA Carling Premiership, wants to ensure that Villa do at least finish high enough to qualify for a place in the Uefa Cup next

Ferguson: target man

He made a bid of £4.5 million for Stan Collymore, the Liverpool forward, last November but that failed because the fee offered was too low. Little has now changed targets, after a series of below

He was able to watch Collymore at close quarters in the match against Liverpool at Villa Park last Sunday, but his interest would appear dead. Collymore has struggled to provide the sort of support for Robbie Fowler at Anfield that would make him the type of partner Yorke requires.

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He has failed to settle on Merseyside and his lacklustre display at Villa Park could have ensured that he will become surplus to requirements at Anfield.

The 1-0 defeat caused severe damage to Liverpool's title chances and afterwards Collymore was involved in a public disagreement with Roy Evans, when he criticised the Liverpool manager for substi

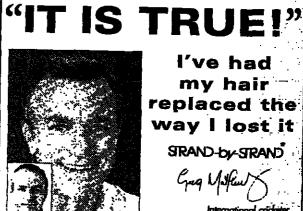
Collymore believes that he has not been given a reasonable opportunity nand aired his grievances yesterday. Evans, for his part, expressed his exasperation with the player's inconsistency.

The Liverpool manager hinted strongly yesterday that Collymore would be dropped for the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final with Brann Bergen on Thursday night.

Sometimes it is difficult to understand his motives, but that happens with a lot of players," Evans said.

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